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Worth Checking Out

Tri-City Safety Day

Police, fire and other safety personnel aren't just good folks, they could actually save your life some day. Meet the people in the uniforms, see their equipment and see exciting demonstrations of what they do on Saturday at the El Cerrito Plaza. See page 9 for full details.

I-80 relandscaping

Caltrans will hold an informational meeting on Interstate 80 landscape replanting on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bermuda Room of the Richmond Convention Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza, (enter at Nevin Avenue). The I-80 replanting project will focus on the areas from Central to Potrero avenues and from MacDonald Avenue to San Pablo Dam Road.

Ready, set, sell

There's still time to sign up for El Cerrito's City-wide Garage Sale Oct. 4, but not a lot. Pick up an application at the Recycling Center, City Hall, the Community Center, the Senior Center or the library and put it in the drop box at 10890 San Pablo Ave. Registration is free and closes Sept. 28. Pick up your map showing garage sale locations starting Sept. 30 at the recycling center or the community center. Details: 215-4350 with questions.

If that isn't enough, here are more events Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m:

■ **Friends of Poinsett Park** are holding their third annual neighborhood garage sale to raise money to purchase new playground equipment for the park. Items for sale have been donated by neighbors, friends and family and proceeds go directly for funds to buy the playground equipment. In addition, local businesses have donated baked goods the Friends will sell. For sale will be furniture, books, toys, children's stuff,, household good, collectibles and more.

The sale is at Poinsett Park (up Barrett Avenue and right on Harris). Details: Joanna Gomes at 237-7244.

■ **The Friends of the El Cerrito Public Library** are selling their garage! Actually, the Friends will be participating in the City-wide Garage Sale as guests of the **El Cerrito Lions Club.** Interested shoppers can help two great causes in a single stop. As part of the Lions' Garage Sale, the Friends will hold a Book Sale at the former Albert's Nursery site at 10534 San Pablo Ave. Sales are first-come-first-served, cash-only basis, so come early for the best selection.

■ **Harding Elementary School,** at the Fairmont and Ashbury in El Cerrito, is holding its second annual "Mega Flea Market" Oct. 4, with at least 30 sellers expected at the playground and the Masons manning the barbecue.

Book sale

As part of the very first Kensington "Day in the Park", the Friends of the Kensington Library will hold a book sale in the area behind the library. Sunday, Sept. 28,11 am to 3 pm.

Oktoberfest

Head to Colusa Circle on Oct. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. for bratwurst, potato salad, hot dogs, sodas, and (yup) beer at the second annual Kensington Lions Club Oktoberfest. There will be music by an authentic German band, and entertainment for the kids. Details: Al, Anne or Dana at 527-2098 or any Lions Club member.

Storytime

Don't miss pre-school storytime (for ages 3 to 5) with Suzi Sargent on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library through Nov. 5.

Good reading cheap

One of the larger book sales in the East Bay will be held on Sept. 27 at Terry Ells High School, 35th Street and Chanslor Avenue in Richmond. The sale by the Friends of the Richmond Public Library is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details or directions: 620-6561. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Richmond Public Library.

It's pronounced 'Roost'

■ ***As El Cerrito turns 80, the historical society commemorates where it all started .***

By Kimberly Lisagor

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Historical Society paid homage to some of its pioneer residents last Thursday when society members held a ceremony commemorating the installation of a historical plaque on the building that is now Pastime Ace Hardware on San Pablo Avenue.

The plaque — which recognizes the building as an official historical site — is the first of its kind in El Cerrito. Society members said it will not be the last.

"We owe it to our descendants to know who they are and how they got here," said historical society President Art Schroeder. "It's a matter of civic pride to acknowledge them."

In a ceremony held outside the hardware store, Schroeder honored family members of both the original and the current building owners in what he called "a celebration of local history."

Originally the William Rust Blacksmith Shop, circa 1889, the building has been owned for about 70 years by the Pryde family. William (or Wilhelm) Rust's grandson Robert Rust attended the event, along with several members of the Pryde family. Schroeder lauded the two families' contributions to the commerce of El Cerrito.

"Rust had everything it took to get the city started. The Pryde family has all it takes to keep the city going," Schroeder said. "Rust would

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Jeff Lindquist

Standing at the newly dedicated plaque are longtime El Cerritan and Pastime Hardware owner Dick Pryde with Robert Rust, grandson of Wilhelm Rust, who holds a picture of himself with his grandparents.

Public reviews AHS layout options

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY— The Board of Education held two brainstorming sessions last week seeking public input into the design of the new Albany High School.

The district architect came armed with four schematics, three 3-story schematics, and one two-story schematic, for the community to bounce ideas off of and glean ideas from. The community generated new design features and then voted on those they liked and those they disliked.

The results will be synthesized and passed on to the high school facilities committee, consisting of teachers, board members, parents and community members.

The high school facilities committee will narrow down the choice of schematics and present a recommendation to the board of education at an Oct. 1 school board meeting.

At the beginning of the Sept. 16 meeting, Superintendent Dale Hudson repeated the inevitable question he said many had already asked, "Why are you continuing with the process when you do not have funding?"

Funding

The district's struggle to procure high school funding began at the beginning of the summer when the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) recommended rejection of the school board's retrofit funding application for two reasons.

First, the OPSC abandonment policy requires the minimal work necessary to bring the building into compliance with the requirements in existence when the building was originally constructed, not today's standards. Second, the high school was modernized in 1993, and modernization is expected to bring the building up to standard.

However, standards have already been raised as a result of the Loma Prieta and Northridge earthquakes. In 1993, the school board believed they could retrofit the building using bond money. Yet, with even stricter seismic standards, the retrofit costs now stand at over 75 percent of rebuilding costs.

After the State Allocation Board rejected the school board's application for funding, the school board appealed and drafted legislation, with the help of Assemblywoman Dion Aroner and Senator Barbara Lee, declaring Albany High School a "hardship" case, and thus a case eligible for hardship funds.

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Development partnership at Plaza

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Plaza Company, run by partial Plaza-owner Milton Bilak, announced this week that it is forming a development group with American Stores for the purpose of revitalizing the El Cerrito Plaza.

Two weeks ago, Wilton Partners, the city-appointed developer, lost interest in developing the Plaza, allowing its Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with the city to expire. Allegedly, the threat of an escalating land price and lengthy litigation caused Wilton Partners to lose interest.

Milton Bilak, landlord of all the small businesses and Lucky's, refused to sell his portion of the Plaza to Wilton Partners. While the Agency maintained the land is worth $15 million, Bilak contended the land is worth between $30 million and $40 million. The Agency was in the middle of a land appraisal when the ENRA expired. As Wilton Partners seemed to anticipate, the difference in appraisals would have most likely led to condemnation proceedings.

American Stores (parent of the Lucky grocery chain, a Plaza tenant) closed escrow on the Emporium site earlier this summer, purchasing it from Federated. American Stores would not respond to inquiries about their purchase. But Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft said, "They want the property to use as leverage in negotiations with whoever ends up developing the Plaza." The "whoever," however, is no longer Wilton Partners, but Bilak.

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4th-grader account of friend's everyday bravery is a triumph

By Aidan Harty

Two students from the West County Public schools were honored for their accomplishments at the opening event for "Brave Little Girls," an exhibition held at the San Francisco Main Library on Sept. 8.

The exhibition featured children's books and illustrations, where real and fictional heroines, from diverse backgrounds and ethnic traditions, are celebrated for their courage, creativity and achievements .

Jacqueline Burbank, a fourth grader at Kensington Elementary, submitted a short essay on the courage and strength of her friend Talia Geliebter - a disabled student who attends Madera Elementary in El Cerrito. Jacqueline was the youngest essayist in the competition.

According to Jacqueline's mother, Arlene Burbank, the contest was one aspect of a bigger story: the story of brave little girls in literature and how role models are changing.

Staged to explain, to educate and to entertain, the exhibition provides positive role models for girls. The exhibition shows that "there are different kinds of courage. For example, the courage that takes patience and trust. It is expanding the notion of what courage is," said Eleanor Shapiro, the library's public information officer.

When Robin Keller, Talia's mother, first heard of the winning essay she felt a strong sense of pride for both girls.

"First I felt proud of Jacqueline, her friend, to write about her. Then, I realized what this was about. Her personality and spirit really is brave. I've just been really proud of her and to have other people touched by it brings it over even more. It reminds me of how much our girl has been through," said Keller.



Talia Geliebter Jacqueline Burbank (with plaque) and TV newswoman Wendy Tokuda at ceremonies honoring the

Both Talia and Jacqueline were born prematurely. They met when they were one-day-old at the Children's Hospital in Oakland. Although both now attend different schools, they have kept up their friendship and have grown up together in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

In her award winning essay

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Transportation tax debate shows differing north/south views

By Greg Hugunin

OAKLAND — After six months worth of meetings and often-heated debate, the first step in the creation of a new, county-wide sales tax is nearly complete, with as much as $1 billion at stake to fund transportation projects well into the next century.

With this month's crippling BART strike barely a few days old, the committee charged with creation of a new Measure B, a half-cent sales tax slated for transportation projects, hosted a series of public forums across the county last week to gain input on a draft expenditure plan. The 40-member group, dubbed the Expenditure Plan Development Committee (EPDC), has also hammered out a list of capital projects to be funded by the tax, and appeared set to hold what may turn out to be its final meeting yesterday, when approval of a final committee plan was expected.

Though BART service — or a lack thereof — has been much the topic of discussion in recent weeks, also on the minds of transportation advocates has been the creation of a new Measure B. The tax, slated to expire in 2002, helps fund bus service, paratransit, local street repair and capital projects, and has been seen by many as a solution to Alameda County's transportation woes.

The original Measure B, passed in 1986, is expected to raise some $990 million over its 15-year life, 2/3 of which has been slated for highway construction ($489 million) and a BART extension to Dublin ($170 million). Faced with massive cuts in bus service over the last few years, transit advocates have fought for a larger piece of the pie this time around, as the new Measure B, slated for the ballot in 1998, can fund whatever projects and services its creators choose.

Split on how to divide pie

Though a draft expenditure plan was originally expected in June, differing ideas among EPDC members as to how the money should be spent resulted in months of delay. For example, during an informal straw poll of EPDC members in June, many, particularly those from northern Alameda County, felt "programmatic" spending on bus service, paratransit and local roads should get the lion's share of funding, while representatives from southern and eastern portions of the county seemed more inclined to channel Measure B funds into capital projects, such as highway construction and new BART lines.

In response to the lack of consensus, the EPDC the broke into four, area-based sub-groups this summer, each of which set priorities for their portion of the county. While representatives from north county chose a 70/30 split in favor of programmatic set asides, those from south and east county chose instead to spend only 34 and 31 percent, respectively, on such programs, with the majority of funds going to highways and BART.

Also, at the meeting held prior to last week's set of forums, the EPDC unanimously approved a draft of proposed capital projects to be funded by the new Measure B. While representatives from other portions of the county chose to focus the majority of their capital dollars on auto-related

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Candidates' Forum

Room for open discussion, but not needless hostility

By Mark Friedman
El Cerrito city council member

This Saturday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m., the final community meeting on the El Cerrito Del Norte Planning will take place at the Fairmont School. This represents the culmination of a three month planning process that resulted from the rejection of plans for a large (20-screen or more) cinema complex at the Del Norte BART Station.

At the meeting on Saturday the economic, marketing, and design consultants hired by the city will present their evaluation of the alternative scenarios developed by the community at previous meetings. The challenge has been to develop a plan that will garner widespread neighborhood and community support and be economically viable in today's marketplace. On Saturday we will learn which of the alternative scenarios seem most feasible.

As the chair of the task force that designed the community process I have been greatly encouraged by the spirit with which the many community participants worked together to craft a project that more closely resembles what the residents of El Cerrito want. I am cautiously optimistic that what "we want" will prove to closely resemble "what we can get." If our vision and economic realities are far apart, then we will either have to modify our desires or wait until economic reality catches up with the community vision.

We will seldom find a project absolutely everyone supports, but we are too small a community to have disagreements constantly fester into hostility.

In El Cerrito today, there is an extremely vocal group of residents who have found much in city government to criticize, including the Del Norte community process and consultants they helped select. Unfortunately, the strident manner in which they voice their opinions both in person and in the press often pushes the buttons of some of my city council colleagues who respond with a similar measure of negativity and hostility. Thus a cycle of animosity and unpleasantness is perpetuated and many well meaning citizens are reluctant to attend council meetings and voice their own opinions. They also do not want to engage in warfare by "letter to the editor." As a result we all suffer from their withdrawal from the political process.

In my short time on the council and as chair of the Del Norte planning task force, I have attempted to steer a course where everyone feels their opinions are valued and respected. For the most part this has helped to make the Del Norte planning process less contentious and unpleasant than recent community meetings. This more positive way of dealing with each other was also reflected in the Prince of Wales Institute of Architecture public meetings. It is my fervent hope that this new tone can continue and grow during the city council campaign and when the new council takes office.

More respectful communication does not mean that everyone agrees. Trying to force a group consensus where one does not exist can stifle productive dialogue and result in disappointed people after the fact. In El Cerrito we will seldom find a project that absolutely everyone supports, but we are too small a community to have disagreements constantly fester into hostility and rancor. I am not enthused about serving on a City Council where attending each meeting is like entering a combat zone.

Since I began my current City Council campaign, I have knocked on hundreds of doors of El Cerrito citizens. Many people, regardless of their political persuasion, express that they are fed up with the current state of civic affairs. They are right to expect a higher standard of behavior from their elected officials and the public. I hope that as many people as possible can join us at the Del Norte Community Meeting this Saturday and help to shape our city's future in a respectful and positive atmosphere.

Election Notes

Civility abounds in council race

Larry Damon is the latest council candidate to check in on the "pledge of civility" contenders are being asked to make in the campaign. On Tuesday Damon issued a letter on the topic:

I wholeheartedly endorsed the pledge for civility by signing the optional form provided by the City when I turned in my candidacy papers for El Cerrito City Council on August 4. The City had provided a voluntary Code of Fair Campaign Practices in the candidates' packets.

Accordingly, I support the call for civility that has recently circulated within El Cerrito. It would be inconsistent for me to run a campaign based on implementing stronger management principles in our City without maintaining the sense of civility and strength of character needed to make such changes in our city.

We've learned a lot these past two years about civility and honesty, and the mistrust that results when these principles are not followed. It's important in bringing a community together that we each strive to see the higher purpose in ideas, actions, and discourse. I am encouraged to see citizens taking an interest in community affairs and, if elected, I will do everything possible to make this a more open and trusting environment for all.

Campaign HQ on Web

Not taking the usual approach of renting a vacant storefront as a campaign headquarters, Internet consultant and El Cerrito council candidate Thom Stark instead made what [illegible] most logical move — opening [illegible] headquarters in Cyberspace. The candi[illegible] Page on the World Wide Web features [illegible] theme, complete with rippling Ameri[illegible] red, white and blue backgrounds and [illegible] says is a "sprightly rendition" of "Yanke[illegible] (requires a sound card capable of [illegible] files).

Among the offerings available on [illegible] date page are online and downloadable [illegible] of Stark's campaign brochure and the [illegible] text of reporter Emily Lundberg's Aug. [illegible] of Stark for *The Journal*. The page also [illegible] Stark's response to candidate questionn[illegible] both the Sierra Club and the West Cont[illegible]

Point your tables-capable browser to [illegible] /www.starkrealities.com/candidate.ht[illegible]

Friedman endorsements

El Cerrito Councilmember Mark Fried[illegible] received the official endorsements of the [illegible] rito Democratic Club, Central Labor [illegible] Contra Costa County, AFL-CIO, Congr[illegible] George Miller, State Senator Barbara [illegible] Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, his campa[illegible] nounced this week.

He previously received the early endo[illegible] of the Sierra Club.

We welcome submissions for this [illegible] Our mailing address is PO Box 1624, [illegible] 94530; our email is hillsnews@[illegible] hillspub@idiom.com; our fax number [illegible] 4066.

Letters to the Editor

District needs to build new partnerships

Editor:

Karen Fenton (Letters, Sept. 18) misinterprets the intent of my West County School Watch column of Sept. 11 which called for a new level of partnership between our public schools and potential community partners.

The district's school-to-career program is an excellent example of this kind of partnership.

The challenge now is to continue to seek new ways to link our schools to sources of support in the community. Our school principals can play an instrumental role in developing and implementing these partnerships.

Business as usual will not solve the crucial problems facing our schools. With new leadership and new vision our school board can begin tackling these issues.

Glen Price
Candidate for WCCUSD board

Rejoice, oh ye Winslomites

Editor:

Bob Winslow and his cohorts, united in their aversion to good, planful, humane city government, have won the immediate battle by scaring away the city's chosen El Cerrito Plaza developer.

Thereby, they have delayed the inevitable accommodation this community must make to the new world of the 21st century. Yes, they've won today's battle, but they shall lose the war.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Let voices be heard on middle school

Editor:

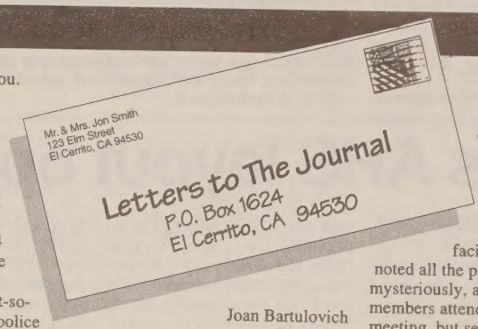
The absence of a middle school in Richmond affects you.

Recent Federal studies, and reports from administrators of local schools confirm that the population most at risk is the child approximately 11 to 14 years of age. This is the age children become involved in petty or not-so-petty crimes and get a police record.

Younger children are often in child care. Middle schools in other cities have after-school enrichment, sports programs, and help with homework, but Richmond children do not have that opportunity. They must leave home at 6:45 a.m. to reach their out-of-town middle school. For the return, AC Transit provides a bus to their neighborhood, but it departs immediately after school, so that if they want the ride home they must forego "enrichment."

On Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. there will be a Community Action meeting at Easter Hill United Methodist Church, 3911 Cutting Blvd., Richmond. The sponsoring agency, CCISCO (Contra Costa Interfaith Sponsoring Committee) has invited Dr. Woodrow Snodgrass, president of the West Contra Costa United School Board, and other board members. Please come, and/or let your school board know by calls and letters that the absence of a middle school in Richmond is systemic injustice which affects the quality of life of all of us.

One possibility is to add a middle school to the site of Kennedy High, which was built to accommodate 2,000 students and has a present enrollment of 700. This alternative is less costly and sooner implemented than other plans. Please let your voice be heard.



Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Sugar doesn't help bad medicine

Editor:

The El Cerrito city government has a history of "sugar pill" democracy. They repeatedly form citizen policy groups. They look good, but are designed to have no impact whatsoever.

When expedient, the council dumps the groups and their hundred of hours of work and written reports. This happened with the Neighbor to Neighbor group in 1996 and with the Redevelopment advisory committee in 1994. Now it has happened again. The Del Norte Task Force meeting, planned for Sept. 18 was suddenly canceled two days earlier. Councilman Mark Friedman, with no warning or consultation, and in conclusion of the agenda, disbanded the Del Norte Task Force.

Sadly, this rude and undemocratic action confirms the whole effort was probably just a sham to placate the neighbors, see my Journal letter of Aug. 21. Mr. Friedman had followed the path of the political insiders who put him on the council.

In August the task force set an agenda for two September meetings, with specific tasks for each meeting. For the Sept. 4 meeting, at assigned half hour intervals, the four subgroups would present their ideas. We all came despite having to get off work. We pulled together four feasible alternatives. The facilitator carefully noted all the plans. Rather mysteriously, all the citizen members attended the planned meeting, but several staff task force members, including Mr. Friedman the chairperson, were not there.

At the second public meeting, just two days later, we citizens were suddenly told that our work on Sept. 4, with the city facilitator present, was invalid because there had been "no quorum." This had not been mentioned before. Further, since the four subgroups were assigned to meet at half hour intervals, unless everyone stayed (which they did), there might not have been "a quorum." At least 18 task force and involved citizens were present.

Were we being set up? Then we were told that the city staff had a secret meeting the day before, to which no Task Force members were invited.

Now Mr. Friedman, with no notice, "fires" the group two days before our scheduled planning meeting.

Without consulting the task force, he decided the assignment for the Sept. 18 meeting was unimportant. What do you think is going on? Do we citizens really have a democratic form of city governance or are we just "subjects" of the city council/staff clique? How much cooperation can the council expect, especially for raising taxes, when they continue to treat citizens in this manner?

There is one last chance to try to get something economically feasible and enjoyable for Del Norte. Come to the meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27. Watch, listen carefully and speak up. This is our town.

And if you don't like what happens, consider your choices when you vote.

Rosemary Loubal
El Cerrito

Bicycle racks a welcome addition

Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for the installation of the bicycle lock racks on Solano and San Pablo avenues.

For many years, I've had to secure my bike to signposts, trees, utility pipes, frequently insecure racks or whatever I could find in the commercial sections of our area, a common problem for many bike riders.

Now we have solid stanchions to lock our bikes to on the street, particularly noticeable with their distinctive green color.

We should do everything we can to encourage local alternatives to auto transportation. The Albany Master Bicycle Plan, which hopefully will soon be implemented, will be a big step in that direction.

Meanwhile, the Solano and San Pablo bike racks are a welcome improvement, and the City council and staff should be commended for securing the necessary funding, bringing us that valuable public benefit.

Marty Rosman
Albany

Task force dismissal stifles public

Editor:

Councilmember Mark Friedman in Sept. 16, without consultation, dismissed the Del Norte Task Force, cancelling a planned Sept. 18 meeting. That was the final chance to seri[illegible] discuss economic figures.

We worked hard to develo[illegible] feasible alternative the big-bo[illegible] mega car-attractor plans the [illegible] council seems to favor for De[illegible] Norte.

We considered the need to [illegible] coordinate developments on b[illegible] sides of San Pablo Avenue. We [illegible] took into account the uniquen[illegible] of the BART location and the [illegible] reality of increasing San Pablo [illegible] Avenue traffic. We respected t[illegible] needs of merchants.

We were promised consultation with economists [illegible] subject our proposals and idea[illegible] benefit and cost analysis. We [illegible] were never provided with writ[illegible] financial facts and numbers [illegible] pertaining to alternative uses, [illegible] ponder and question. Where is [illegible] promised illustrator, to visually [illegible] present the neighborhood's pla[illegible] The Journal's Sept. 18 report [illegible] describes the chaotic nature of t[illegible] public meeting, the attempt to [illegible] pass earlier decisions, the lack o[illegible] clarity as to economic options.

Staff unilaterally modified o[illegible] proposal and tried to keep our [illegible] neighborhood group from [illegible] presenting our plans. Now we a[illegible] being summoned to a "Final [illegible] Meeting," Sept. 27, to have som[illegible] pre-cooked concoction rammed [illegible] down our throat. Will they pool [illegible] pooh office/research park/ [illegible] institutional use alternatives? Wi[illegible] they attempt to smuggle in a [illegible] "baby" megatheater? Will they t[illegible] to scare us with high-rise [illegible] tenements as the only non-theater [illegible] option? Who knows!

We live here, we breath the a[illegible] we wake up to the noise.

The process must continue, [illegible] with Del Norte neighbors given a [illegible] chance to refine and select what is [illegible] acceptable, and develop a [illegible] "Request for Proposal." Let us no[illegible] have a repeat of the Plaza fiasco.

Peter Loub[illegible]
El Cerri[illegible]

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Council candidates make their case to voters

By Kimberly Lisagor

EL CERRITO — The six candidates running for City Council voiced their views on redevelopment, the city budget and other heated issues at a forum last week hosted by the El Cerrito Democratic Club.

The candidates, who are competing for three open council seats, outlined plans to tackle the major problems the city faces.

Addressing questions from the crowd at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, would-be council members J.J. Diliberto, Thom Stark, Janet Abelson and Larry Damon sat beside incumbents Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman.

The wide range of their opinions covered the entire scope of issues facing the city.

"There is certainly a large number of people in El Cerrito who believe that the (Redevelopment Agency) is trembling on the brink of bankruptcy," said Stark, in response to a question about the handling of the El Cerrito Plaza redevelopment by the agency and the City Council.

"Getting at the truth of that, where we actually stand fiscally with the Redevelopment Agency, is a necessary first step to restoring faith in the agency or establishing that it deserves no faith," he said.

In his opening remarks Stark said he advocates a separation of the two committees, which currently share members. He also recommended an audit and fiscal analysis of the agency by a source outside the committee, the results of which should be made available to the public in "comprehensible" language.

These are some of the steps needed to mend relationships between the community and the City Council, he said.

Abelson, however, said her opinion about redevelopment differs from that of Stark and many others.

"I think it has brought us some good things," she said, citing the Target store as an example.

Her only suggestion for the agency was to allow private developers to try working out the problems involved with redeveloping the Plaza.

Abelson said her primary concerns for the city are public safety and the city's financial situation, both of which she said will soon become major issues.

Like Stark, Damon said he advocates an immediate fiscal analysis of the Redevelopment Agency, and reviews on a regular basis.

"The Redevelopment Agency's financial status remains an unknown, and yet we go forward and spend money and formulate projects," he said. "That's really not acceptable."

Damon cited his experience working as an engineering research and development manager at Bechtel Corporation as evidence he has the necessary skills to turn around the redevelopment project and city government.

The first step, he said, is to accurately identify the problems. "If you don't squarely face things the way they are, how can you possibly hope to turn them around?"

Brusatori said a major problem with redevelopment is that projects take so long to implement that public opinion about them shifts before they are completed.

"We were making decisions recently where land had been acquired a decade earlier," she said.

In the future, she said the city should not see redevelopment as "a shotgun approach to big projects," but should take steps to accomplished smaller, more immediate goals.

"Frankly," she said, "that's all the agency can afford anyway."

Brusatori said she laments the decline of the city where she and two generations of her family before her grew up. "I remember the way El Cerrito used to be," she said. "And I want to do everything in my power to help it regain its greatness."

Friedman said he is acutely aware that tensions are running high over the city's various problems and called for developing "a common vision for our community," making it possible "to move forward without hostility."

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Del Norte planning moves bumpily along

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—The third and last Del Norte community planning workshop will occur this Saturday. But as economic consultants toil over four community-generated scenarios, one of the three community task force members is fuming over being "fired" from the task force.

Alternatives under study

The four scenarios being analyzed by Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) include Alternative A1 and A2, and Alternative C and D, as fleshed out at the last community workshop on Sept. 6.

Alternative A1 includes on the Mayfair site a four-story building with 207 residential units , over 321 parking spaces. And on the BART site, A1 includes a two-story building, with a what has been parred down to no more than a 1,000-seat theater, with retail, over 930 parking spaces (also serving BART patrons).

At the Sept. 6 community meeting, when the audience was asked whether it supported a theater over 1,000 seats, no one raised a hand.

Alternative A2 includes on the Mayfair site a three-story building containing 173 residential units on the top two floors, ground-floor retail, all atop 265 underground parking spaces. On the BART site, alternative A2 contains a two-story building with 225 units of housing. The ground floor would consist of transit-serving retail (dry cleaners, shoe repair, coffee shop) over a 716-space BART-serving parking garage.

On the Mayfair site, Alternative C includes a three-story building with elder-care and day-care on the two top stories, ground-floor retail and fifty-five parking spaces underground. Alternative C on the BART site includes a three- to four- story building with office suites and elder-care/child-care on the top two stories and ground-floor retail. Underneath would lie an 857-space underground parking garage.

On Sept. 6, community members generated an Alternative D that accentuated the greatest possible mix of uses, heights and designs, including a dispersal of live/work space, multifamily housing, office space, open space, institutional use (such as day care), with night-time entertainment and ground-floor retail.

If all goes as planned, on this coming Saturday, September 27, the financial consultants will present their financial analysis of these four scenarios, attesting to each of their feasibility or lack thereof. The community will then adjust its vision to the presented market-reality.

Task force meeting cancelled

On Sept. 15, Councilmember and task force chair Mark Friedman notified task force members that their next meeting was not needed, that "enough detail and direction were provided at the September 6 community meeting to allow the consultant to conclude analysis."

However, at the Sept. 6 community meeting, community task force members Rosemary Loubal and Bob Sessler felt preempted when, after having generated plans at a September 4 task force meeting, the plans were screened and changed by city staff the next day, the day before the September 6 meeting. While Sessler and Loubal said they had not been told about this city staff screening, the facilitator said she told them about it.

This "unilateral" decision to "fire" the taskforce proves that the taskforce is just a "sham to pacify the neighbors," said Rosemary Loubal.

The task force should have been

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Recall petition drive fizzles

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On April 7, resident Bob Winslow served Councilmember Norman La Force with a recall notice. But Sept. 16, the last day for turning in recall petitions, went by without a single petition landing on the City Clerk's desk.

Recall backers had to collect 3,266 signatures (20 percent of El Cerrito's registered voters) to have the recall placed on the November ballot.

"Many people were too scared and intimidated to sign the recall," said Winslow. "And we are just too old now to be walking the streets."

Winslow would not name other recall proponents, and said he was going to shred the petitions donning the 2,500 signatures he did gather.

Although the recall failed, Winslow said it nonetheless shows "that a lot of people do not agree with him."

However, La Force interprets the failure of the recall differently, saying, "The failure of the recall ... demonstrates the tremendous vote of confidence that the people of El Cerrito have in me and how I have represented them.

"It also clearly shows that contrary to the claims of the small clique of council critics, voters do not think I, or my fellow councilmembers, have acted in an arrogant and undemocratic manner. It certainly puts to rest the claim of these same critics that there is a lack of trust in the city council."

La Force and recall proponents not only diverged in their interpretation of the recall's termination, but in their interpretation of the recall itself.

The recall notice stated that La Force "shows continual and blatant disregard and disrespect for members of the community by failing to listen to them at council meetings, initiating and conducting meetings and contacts outside the council meetings to further his personal

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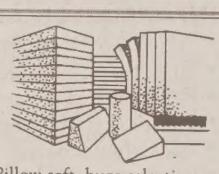
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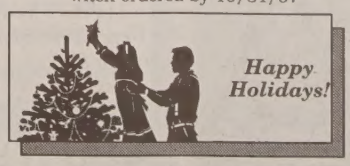
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Police Reports

Raccoon accosted in back yard

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Sept. 8 at 4:50 p.m., a homeless man entered Safeway, placed four bottles of liquor in his backpack, went to the counter and paid for an apple pie. He was arrested for petty theft.

• There were four cases of domestic abuse reported.

• A '93 Mitsubishi Eclipse was stolen from the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd. on Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. An '87 Toyota Celica was stolen from Cypress and South 53rd on Sept. 15. An '82 Toyota Tercel was stolen from the 1300 block of Richmond St. on Sept. 14.

• A juvenile from Suisun City scraped paint off an El Cerrito woman's Camaro while it was parked on the 500 block of Richmond St. on Sept. 12. He was charged with vandalism. Someone smashed the window of an '84 Honda Civic while it was parked on the 2000 block of Key Blvd. on Sept. 15.

• On Carlson Blvd. north of Central on August 12, a citizen reported seeing what appeared to be a 40-year-old white man with blond hair and a receding hair line in an '88 Hyundai attempting to "talk" an 11-year-old boy into entering his vehicle.

• An '82 Honda Civic was broken into on the 7300 block of Eureka on Sept. 10. An in-dash stereo and CD player was stolen. A rock was thrown through the driver-side window of an '85 Chrysler Fifth Avenue while it was parked on the 7700 block of Potrero between Sept. 11 and 12. A BB was shot at the window of a '91 Jeep Cherokee while parked on 1449 Arlington Blvd.

• On Sept. 10 at 2:40 p.m., two Richmond male juveniles attempted to start a moped parked on the 10900 block of San Pablo and then pushed the moped to the BART path. The suspects fled when police officers arrived on the scene.

• On Sept. 10 at 12:10, an Albany woman concealed a video tape in her purse while in Longs Drug Store and attempted to leave the store without paying for the item. On Sept. 11, an Oakland man entered Safeway, concealed merchandise and left the store without paying.

• Between Sept. 12 and 13, someone broke into a '90 Jeep Cherokee parked on the 7000 block of Moeser Lane and stole a backpack from the back seat. Between Sept. 15 and 16, someone forced open the passenger door of a '91 Honda Accord and removed the stereo tape deck. Someone entered an '89 Toyota Camry parked on the 5800 block of El Dorado between Sept. 15 and 16 and stole items from the trunk.

• On Sept. 12, someone entered a residence on the 5900 block of Fern Street through a dog door. The suspect stole the resident's purse and several signed baseballs, fleeing into Canyon Trail Park.

• A Berkeley resident found an envelope with cash in it in the Abbey Pet Hospital parking lot on Sept. 12 at 3:18 p.m.

• Police contacted a man on the 500 block of Albemarle after he fired several rounds of bullets from his bedroom window at a raccoon reportedly in his backyard.

• Two black women in their early 30s, both standing at about 5-foot-7 and weighing around 170 pounds, attempted to pass counterfeit currency to Target on Sept. 9.

• A black male between the age of 35 and 40, standing 6 feet tall and wearing a dark stocking cap, a black jacket and dark pants, pushed an El Cerrito woman to the ground on Knott and San Pablo at 7 a.m. on Sept. 16. He removed her purse from her shoulder, removed her wallet from her purse and fled northbound on San Pablo.

• ECPD stopped an Alameda man for vehicle code violations on Blake and Elm on Sept. 17. As they were

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Vandals batter house with eggs, flour

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 20 a resident on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue reported that vandals had thrown eggs and flour at her house at about 1:30 a.m. She had taken a video of the activity. Police are investigating.

• On the evening of Sept. 10 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his silver '89 Toyota Camry was stolen while parked in front of his apartment complex.

• On Sept. 14 an Albany woman reported that a subject she described as a white male, about 19, took her son's hat earlier in the day. She went to the 7-Eleven store to find the man and retrieve the hat. She found the subject and took her son's hat off his head. The man then hit the woman in the face and pushed her down. She got into her car to leave and he then pulled his pants down and put his private parts in her car window.

• On the night of Sept. 16 a resident on the 500 block of Ramona Avenue reported that vandals had spray painted graffiti on her door step.

• At about 2 a.m. on Sept. 18 officers responded to the Safeway Store on Solano Avenue regarding a shoplifter. Evidently a 37 year old Berkeley man was caught by store security and told if he would leave the items he could depart the store and there would be no charges. The man refused to comply and staged a "sit in" at one of the check stands. He was arrested for burglary, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On Sept. 18 a resident reported that during the night thieves had stolen contractor's tools from a building on the 500 block of Adams Street.

• At about 2 a.m. on Sept. 19 officers stopped a Berkeley man in a green Jeep Cherokee for driving erratically on San Pablo Avenue. He was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

• On Sept. 19 the owner of a laundromat on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into the coin machine and stolen the money from inside it.

• On tSept. 19 a bar on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue reported a customer who was refusing to leave. Albany officers contacted an Albany man who was very intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 5:30 p.m. on Sept. [illegible] resident on the 1000 block of [illegible] Street reported that vandals [illegible] "TP'd" his house during the night.

• On Sept. 20 a resident on the [illegible] block of Masonic Avenue reported that during the night vandals [illegible] "keyed" scratches on the outside of her car.

• On Sept. 20 a resident on the [illegible] block of Ordway Street reported that her car was stolen during the night while parked in front of her home. Later that night the owner located the car in Oakland and drove it back to Albany.

• At about 5:30 a.m. on Sept. [illegible] resident on the 1000 block of [illegible] Avenue reported that his house was "TP'd during the night.

During the week of Sept. 14 [illegible] ers fingerprinted nine people at the request, towed two cars, responded to 13 false alarms, attended to one lost or deceased animals, assisted [illegible] people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to seven reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers provided one stand-by and intervened in three domestic disputes, 22 civil disturbances and 29 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 18 emergencies.

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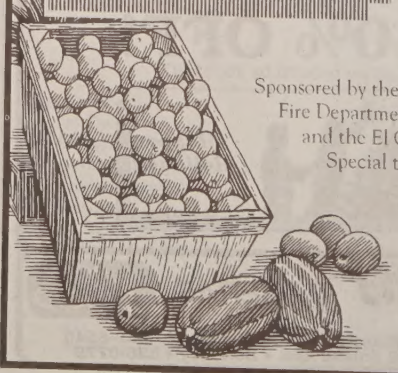
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Large coast cleanup turnout finds plenty to do

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—With the hope of creating a better, cleaner waterfront, some 170 area residents descended on Albany Beach last Saturday as part of the state-wide Coastal Cleanup Day.

The event, held in conjunction with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the Albany Bay Trail, drew persons ranging in age from seniors to young children, who sought to make the beach a cleaner place to watch the ocean's tides come and go. After collecting more than a ton of trash and recyclables on the sun-drenched, salt-smelling beach, volunteers were also treated to free pizza, beverages and bagels, as well as a performance by the police department's own "Elvis and the Lawman" musical group.

The day's events kicked off at 9 p.m., when some two dozen city officials, Waterfront Committee members and other interested parties gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the foot of Albany's newest piece of Bay Trail, the Phase II extension begun, and completed, this summer. Paid for by a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy, the two phases of the trail stretch nearly a half-mile from Interstate 80 to Albany Beach, and will eventually become part of the 400 miles of multi-use paths slated to encircle the San Francisco Bay.

"I had feared that the path of civilization was straight downhill: the second law of physics, the entropy principle, things just tend to go downhill," said Albany Mayor Bob Good. "But here, we're going against the trend. We've taken a dump, a place no one in his right mind would go, and we're turning it into a beautiful park, right in the middle of a city. It's a splendid achievement in itself, and also it gives us hope that we can actually succeed in making the world a better place." Victoria Wake, a former chair of the Waterfront Committee, also spoke, saying, "For me, it was one of the most satisfying projects I've worked on.

I'm especially happy that we did this first part of the park by taking something away from the automobiles and giving it to the pedestrians. I think that's a good first step." "We're really pleased that this is finally coming to fruition," said Steve Granholm, the committee's current chair. "What I really value is the sense of wildness... and the wildlife," Granholm said, adding that the Albany mudflats house a larger shorebird population than any one location in the Bay.

Bearing scissors passed out specially for the occasion, attendees then descended in force on the ceremonial ribbon and officially opened both portions of the trail. The morning's events, though, were far from over, as many who attended the ceremony then found their way to Albany Beach, where the city was also sponsoring its own version of the statewide Coastal Cleanup Day.

Sifting through the seaweed and the sand, volunteers young and old gathered a year's worth of debris from the city's lone beach, removing, among other things, 1,116 food wrappers, 500 trash bags, 1,072 straws and 1,100 pieces of expended shotgun shell which had apparently floated to shore. They collected 110 balloons, 28 syringes, 137 tampon applicators, 125 toys and 62 beverage bottles, 3 seagulls, 3 ducks, and, in the case of perhaps the bravest volunteer, Manka Baday, the most horrid-smelling piece of debris of them all—a dead seal.

"I guess the reason I'm out here is this kind of trash presents a hazard to the birds and wildlife who use the beach," said City Council member Bruce Mast, found poking through the seaweed with a stick. "This is a really good opportunity for people to come out and explore (the beach)." Marty Rosman, a 35-year city resident who has attended more than a dozen Coastal Cleanup Days, gave thanks for the warm weather and



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reflected on the difference between this year's cleanup and those held in the past.

"Each year there's less and less stuff to pick up," Rosman said. "It sounds to me like people are getting more and more conscious." He also pointed to the dozens of children helping with the clean-up effort, saying, "The main thing is to get the kids in on the act, because that's where it's at." According to Environmental Resources Assistant Diamera Bach, much of the debris apparently made its way to the beach both by wind and by water. By far, the greatest amount of debris was made of plastic, although other items, such as an opossum skull and a "large fish," were composed of organic substances.

In addition to the satisfaction gained from a job well done, volunteers were also treated to free coffee from Grace Baking, free bagels from Noah's Bagels, free beverages provided by McDonalds, free pizza, purchased by the city, and free music, provided by Sgt. Art Clemons and Lt. Bill Palmini, aka "Elvis and the Lawman."

"With the music and the food, it had more of a celebration-type atmosphere," said Bach, comparing this year's cleanup with those of years past. The event was one of many coordinated by the California Coastal Commission.

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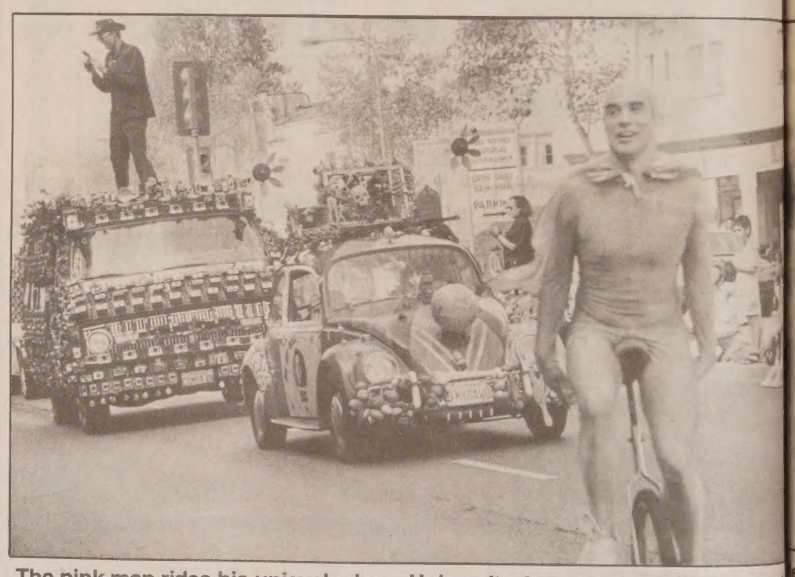
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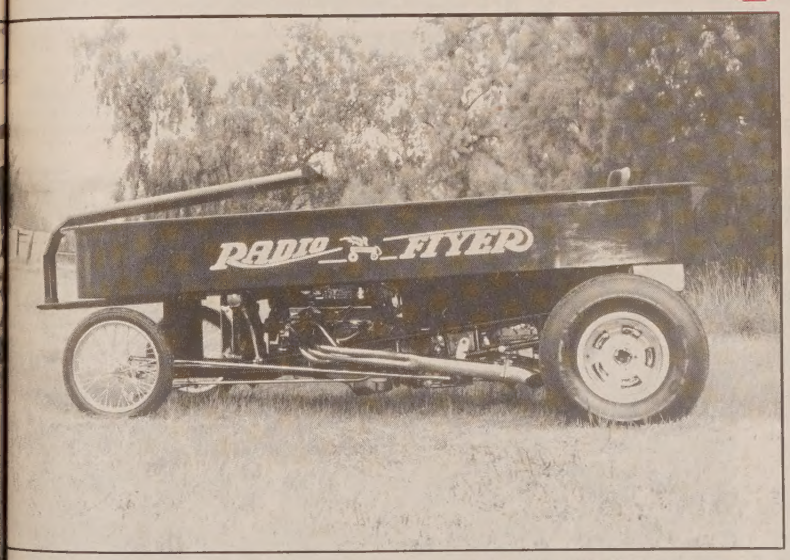
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Community Action meeting on a Richmond middle school

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The primary focus of the meeting is the need for a new middle school serving the students of Central Richmond. Also on the agenda is allocation of after school enrichment program funding to serve central Richmond middle school students in their own communities, and the development of a "safe passage" program for Richmond middle school students during their commute to and from school.

'Ambassadors of Peace' Awards

On Friday, Sept. 26, 1997, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School will hold its second "Increase the Peace" assembly in the school auditorium at 234 39th St. Richmond at 9:00 AM. Qualifying students will be pinned with the "Ambassador of Peace" award. Last May, 57 students were pinned and the school's goal is to eventually pin the entire student body.

Tracking/detracking meeting

The WCCUSD Governing Board will hold a study session on tracking and detracking of students in the district's secondary schools. The meeting will be held in the Richmond High School Little Theater on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. Richmond High School is located at 1250 23rd St. (near the corner of 23rd and Maricopa).



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

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Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda L

PTA meetings

AMS meets Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the AMS library. Following the half hour board meeting there will be an hour workshop on college investment planning.

AHS meets Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:15 p.m. at AHS in room 128. Homecoming will be the topic.

Back to School nights

Marin School is tonight starting at 7 p.m.

Cornell School is tonight starting at 7 p.m.

AHS is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 8 starting at 7 p.m. A book fair will be held concurrently in the AHS library with books for sale provided by our local Newburn M C Books.

School board meetings

Special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in Cornell multi-purpose room.

District **K-12 Facilities group** will present its report to the School Board.

Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-purpose room

Special Interest Meetings

High School Facilities group meets Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at AHS.

District K-12 Facilities group meets Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. in Cornell multi-purpose room. Agenda items: new HS funding, HS emergency housing, new HS design process, planning update on new AMS, facilities update on Marin and Cornell.

Events/Fund-raisers

Albany Education Foundation is hosting its annual community event: **Scoops for Schools** on Oct. 19 from 1-5 p.m. at the Albany Community Center. During the ice cream social can view children's art and to music provided by our s bands.

Tickets may be purchase the door or in advance at A public schools offices and A Chamber of Commerce, P and under free; 4-10, $5; 1 $10; Family (4 people), $2 proceeds will be used to b Albany public schools.

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El Cerrito

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impounding his car, they found stolen mail, checks and credit cards.

• A Kensington man and an El Cerrito man threw rocks through the front window of a residence on the 800 block of Craft Ave. on Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.

• A '91 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue on Sept. 18 at 10 a.m.

• A San Pablo man was found to be driving while under the influence of alcohol on Sept. 14 at 1:50 a.m. A Guerneville man was found to be driving under the influence when pulled over on San Pablo and Potrero on Sept. 8. An El Cerrito man was found to be driving while intoxicated when pulled over on Hudson and Glen Mawr on Sept. 12 at 9 p.m. A San Pablo man was found to be driving while under the influence of alcohol when he was pulled over on San Pablo and Portola on Sept. 11 at 1:30 a.m.

• On Sept. 20, a Bay Point woman was charged with child endangerment when she was pulled over and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol with five of her children in the car.

• An El Sobrante man was pulled over on San Pablo and Moeser on Sept. 18 and found to be driving with a suspended license and in possession of methamphetamine.

• Two Richmond men were pulled over on San Pablo and Moeser and were found to be under the influence of a drug and in possession of methamphetamine. An Antioch man was pulled over on San Pablo and Potrero on Sept. 22 and found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

• A Sacramento man was pulled over on State St. and South 52nd on Sept. 20 and found to be in possession of a stolen vehicle.

• At the intersection of Hill and San Pablo on Sept. 17, at 2:13 p.m., a 10-year-old boy was involved in an auto-pedestrian collision. The victim was transported to Children's Hospital, where he is currently in critical condition. Any citizens who witnessed this collision should contact the El Cerrito Police Watch Commander at 215-4400.

Fall brings programs for youngsters at El Cerrito Library

Here is the Fall program series schedule for kids at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.:

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allowed to discuss how the sco consultants present their findi the public, she said, so that it d become "big brother and sist ing the citizens to face facts."

Friedman, however, said he only did the consultant have "detail and direction" from the munity, but "the original purp the taskforce was to set up a co nity process, which it did."

"It was never meant to eva he said, "or put another lay tween what the community wan what is handed over to the city cil. Whomever has more opini express on Saturday can. No opinion has been squelched."

The last Del Norte Plan meeting will be held a Fairmount School Multipu Room, 724 Kearney Street, f p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 27.

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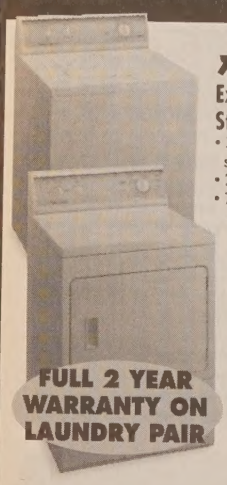
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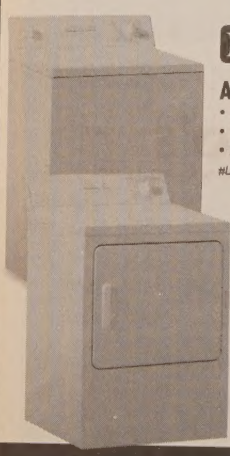


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The event, now in its 14th year, is ival fixture and a big hit with ilies. This year's edition at the El rito Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ll have a helicopter (the Cal Star Ambulance), hazardous material k, fire trucks, police cars and bulances. Throw in police K-9 dog jaws of life demonstrations, as ll as appearances by Smokey Bear, arky the Fire Dog, and McGruff Crime Dog, and you have all the redients for an afternoon kids can't but love. And there'll be hats, loons and free fringerprinting for the small fry that show up, as well as Home Alert and neighborhood emergency preparedness information for adults.

Appealing to the public — young and old — is just the idea, says Tim Murphy, an engineer with the City of El Cerrito.

"Sometimes we drive down the road and kids don't wave at us anymore," he said.

But just as important is the opportunity to educate the public about increasingly complex emergency response in an increasingly complex world.

"Many people don't understand that if you're in a traumatic car accident you're in for a helicopter ride," Murphy said. "People don't understand why you need a hazardous material truck, but you have a lot of toxic stuff driving up and down I-80."

The same applies to the bomb disposal unit that will be on-hand courtesy of UC-Berkeley.

The event has grown considerably over its 14 years, a reflection of increasingly varying needs and interagency agreements reached to meet them. In fact, the Tri-City aspect extends well beyond Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington, the three cities that originated the safety day.

Richmond police are bringing attack dogs for a demonstration and the Richmond Fire Department is bringing a ladder truck intended for high-rises. UC-Berkeley is supplying its bomb unit (it was a no-show a few years ago because it was pressed into action). And the East Bay Regional Park District is bringing in safety videos and Smokey Bear (the U.S. Forest Service made him drop his middle name of "The"). "I'm kind of getting pressure to change the name," Murphy said.



Come meet the El Cerrito Fire Department's Lance Maples, Sparky the Fire Dog and the Albany Fire Department's Tom Watkins on Saturday.

Plaza police station to open

The El Cerrito Police Department officially opens its Plaza Substation at Saturday's Tri-City Safety Day.

The department says that in the interest of community policing, the substation will provide the public greater visibility and access to personnel and services. The substation will be staffed periodically troughout the business day by officers assigned to the southern end of the city. Officers will be available to accept crime reports, traffic and accident reports, answer questions and offer crime prevention information.

Records and property releases, fingerprinting, loss verification and other services normally provided by the department business office will nol he available at the subsstation, but can be obtained at the department at 10900 San Pablo Ave.

Obituaries

AGNES MITERKO EVANS

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Development is among his primary concerns, he said, but he thinks redevelopment funds should be used to create some charm, not just more homogeneous, big-box stores.

"Redevelopment is a powerful tool," he said. "But it is one we have to use very judiciously."

He suggested working to expand existing retailers who have a history of commitment to the city, rather than bringing in competition from large, outside corporations.

Diliberto, who described himself as "a nut for fairness" and "a cheerleader for projects in the city," said he wants to see the community have more of a voice in the development of the Plaza than private developers do.

Developers are likely to introduce the stores they want, then leave the ensuing problems to the city, he said, suggesting it is better to improve the Plaza's appearance, so stores the community wants to attract will be more likely to express interest. The problem with the Plaza is that "it is a cold and chilly area," he said, adding that mproving its appearance will help make redevelopment plans work.

Other volatile issues addressed by the candidates included defining the relationship between the city and the school board, dividing Plaza planning into separate housing and commercial groups, and dealing with a potential fiscal crisis next year.

Abelson said the city should continue its involvement in school issues, as she has exemplified in her past work with school projects.

Damon said a city that can hardly manage itself should leave school board issues alone.

Brusatori advocated a collaborative effort between the city and the school board in promoting public safety, a foster grandparents program, and the improvement of ball fields and club houses.

Friedman said the relationship between the city and the school board should be used to improve the quality of the city's public education, which he said is a major concern in the community.

Diliberto the council should bridge the gap in understanding between those in the city who use the school system and those who don't.

Stark said the city should take an active role in preventing more private schools from coming here, saying the competition is bad for the public schools.

Regarding the suggested split between the housing and business components of the Plaza redevelopment, Damon was the only advocate of the division. He said breaking the project into small scale parts would increase momentum and accelerate progress.

Friedman, Stark and Abelson opposed a split, saying integration and collaboration are necessary. Brusatori said the decision should be left to private developers, while Diliberto opposed any housing component.

In dealing with the next year's projected budget crisis, Friedman said sales and other taxes could help, but that he would advocate seeking assistance from the state if necessary to protect public safety services.

Diliberto said he would ask individual departments to make cuts.

Stark said he aims to improve communications between a budget task force and the city council. The 1996 task operated well, but its suggestions were not heeded by the council, he said.

Abelson said she would ask voters to support a funding measure.

Damon suggested that police and fire departments perform dual-duty services, covering for each other as necessary.

Brusatori said a parcel tax would help, but that it is also necessary to reevaluate the city's priorities to see if they are the same as they were six months to a year ago.

Fizzle

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agendas and using tactics of intimidation and threats of retaliation on certain members of the community who disagree with his agendas."

In April La Force responded that he had committed no "misfeasance or malfeasance of the public trust" or his public office, which would give cause to a recall effort. Instead, he believed the "real disagreement" was over the choice of developer for the Plaza and over the restoration of El Cerrito's creeks, a project La Force has been heavily involved in.

Recall proponents, La Force said, would rather leave the Plaza to partial owner Milton Bilak than have it developed by the developer chosen by the city, Wilton Partners.

Winslow contends the council diverted storm drain improvement bond funds to restore creeks. Although he contests the restoration of the creeks, the issue was never formally addressed as part of the recall.

And while Winslow disagrees with La Force's interpretation of the expiration of the recall, he does agree that it is dead. "A lot of things against La Force are not dead, but the recall is," he said.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

Meet your council candidates night set

The El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce, in cooperation with the City of El Cerrito, The Women's Club of El Cerrito, and the local League of Women Voters, will host its traditional Meet Your Candidates Night on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The session, which will run from 7 to 9 p.m., will be held in the City Council Chambers at the Community Center, and will be open to the public free of charge.

All six people running for the three City Council seats up for election in November have indicated they will be on hand for this meeting. They include incumbent council members Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman, along with challengers Janet Abelson, Larry Damon, J.J. Diliberto,and Stark.

This event is being staged by the Chamber in a sincere effort to give El Cerrito residents an opportunity to meet and hear the candidates first hand.

Candidates will be given five minutes each to summarize their platforms. The order of appearance will be determined by a drawing, and no editorial introductions will be allowed.

Following the introductory statements, written questions for the candidates will be taken from the audience.

Members of the local League of Women Voters chapter will moderate the session and will serve as time keepers.

In addition to the Chamber-sponsored meeting on Oct. 23, the Richmond Area League Of Women Voters will also act as moderator and timer when the West Contra Costa Unified School District hold a meeting in El Cerrito for candidates seeking election to the school board.

This evening session is scheduled to be held the night of Monday, Oct. 20, at El Cerrito High School.

Two new members welcomed

The El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce is happy to welcome two new members, Norman Lam and Marian Ericaa1kson.

Lam is the owner/operator of the newly-opened Dollar Warehouse at 10730 San Pablo Avenue. The greatly-enlarged and completely redecorated store offers a wide variety of general merchandise — all priced at $1 or less.

Erickson is no stranger to the El Cerrito Chamber. A long-time local business woman and Chamber member, she left the organization several years ago when she retired and moved away.

Now, having returned to take up residence in Albany, Erickson — who served as president of the El Cerrito Chamber in 1981 — becomes the group's newest Associate Member.

October Fiesta drawing big response

With the campaign to recruit co-sponsors, financial backers, local civic groups, craft-sellers and entertainers for the Chamber Of Commerce's Second Annual October Fiesta entering its final phase, response is reported to be extremely heavy.

The local celebration, which will simultaneously fete the city's 80th birthday and the city-wide Fall Round-Up Sale Days, will be held from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza.

Four local firms — *The Journal*, PetVet/Petfood, East Bay Sanitary Company and *West County Times* — have already agreed to serve as Fiesta co-sponsors. Other businesses willing to join this group are being asked to call the Chamber office at 233-7040.

Also being asked to contact the Chamber immediately are those firms willing to serve as financial backers or groups and individuals interested in applying for display space at the Fiesta.

So far nine firms have signed on as financial backers of the October Fiesta. They include The El Cerrito Natural Food Co., Mail Boxes Etc., Sunset View Cemetery Association, Larry Seidell Chevron, Shields Nursing Center, Honda Of El Cerrito, Pastime Ace Hardware, Mechanics Bank, and El Cerrito Plaza Co.

Event chairman Janet Jolley reported that, with almost two weeks left to go, some 53 groups and individuals had already applied for display space at the '97 Fiesta.

On the basis of this strong early registration, Jolley was predicting that this year's event would be one of the largest gathering of civic groups and craftspeople ever held in West Contra Costa County.

Entertainment chairman June Boblitt reported that response to her call for performers was also meeting with a large response. Several musical groups, dancers and individual entertainers have already agreed to appear at the Fiesta.

In addition, she added, a special puppet show for youngsters has also been scheduled.

This year's Fiesta, which will again be open to the public free of charge, is expected to draw a record crowd.

Special 'garage sale' scheduled

Providing a special attraction for the 8th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Oct. 4 will be El Cerrito Lions Club, Associate Member of the Chamber Of Commerce.

The Lions Club will combine efforts with the Friends Of The El Cerrito Library to stage a yard and book sale on the grounds of Albert's Nursery at 10534 San Pablo Ave.

On Oct. 4 dozens of garage sales will held throughout the city. What makes the Lions' sale unique is the fact that, in addition to a wide variety of decorative and household goods, as well as a selection of plant and garden items will be offered for sale at bargain prices.

In addition, hungry shoppers will also be able to buy hot dogs and barbecued sausages.

Working alongside the Lions Club, the Friends Of The El Cerrito Library will stage a book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 4.

All kinds of books will be offered for sale on a first come-first-served basis.

For more information on the book sale contact Thom Stark at 526-9600 or Eileen Leon at 526-5116.

Maps showing all the garage sale locations can be picked up starting Sept. 30 at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, 7501 Schmidt Lane, or the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

El Cerrito Youth Baseball

El Cerrito Youth Baseball, an Associate Member of the Chamber Of Commerce, is currently holding sign-ups for the 1998 season.

Signup packets are now available at the El Cerrito Community Center, and players who register by Oct. 31 will get a $20 discount. Cost — before the discount — is $90 for El Cerrito residents and $105 for non-residents.

Those signing up are being asked to mail their registration to P.O. Box 194, El Cerrito, 94530, or turn them in at one of the two open registration days which will be held at the Harding Clubhouse, 7115 C Street, El Cerrito.

The first will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, and the second from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 13, the final day of registration.

The league's Board of Directors is inviting all parents and guardians in the Association to attend the group's annual membership meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Harding Clubhouse. Among the topics to be discussed will be the results of the year-end survey and the goals for '98.

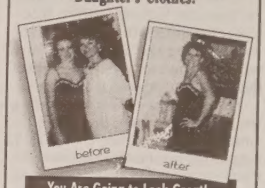
El Cerrito Youth Baseball is open to children between the ages of 7 and 16 years. The program is designed to provide youngsters with an organized educational program, with emphasis on teaching sportsmanship, camaraderie, skills of the game, and the value of teamwork.

Tryouts will be held in January, and practices will start in February. Opening day ceremonies are scheduled for March 7, and the first games will be held on March 8. League play runs throughout the schools year, with All-Star action scheduled for next summer.

For more information about Youth Baseball registration leave a message for Mike Winton by telephoning 658-3453, ext. 333.

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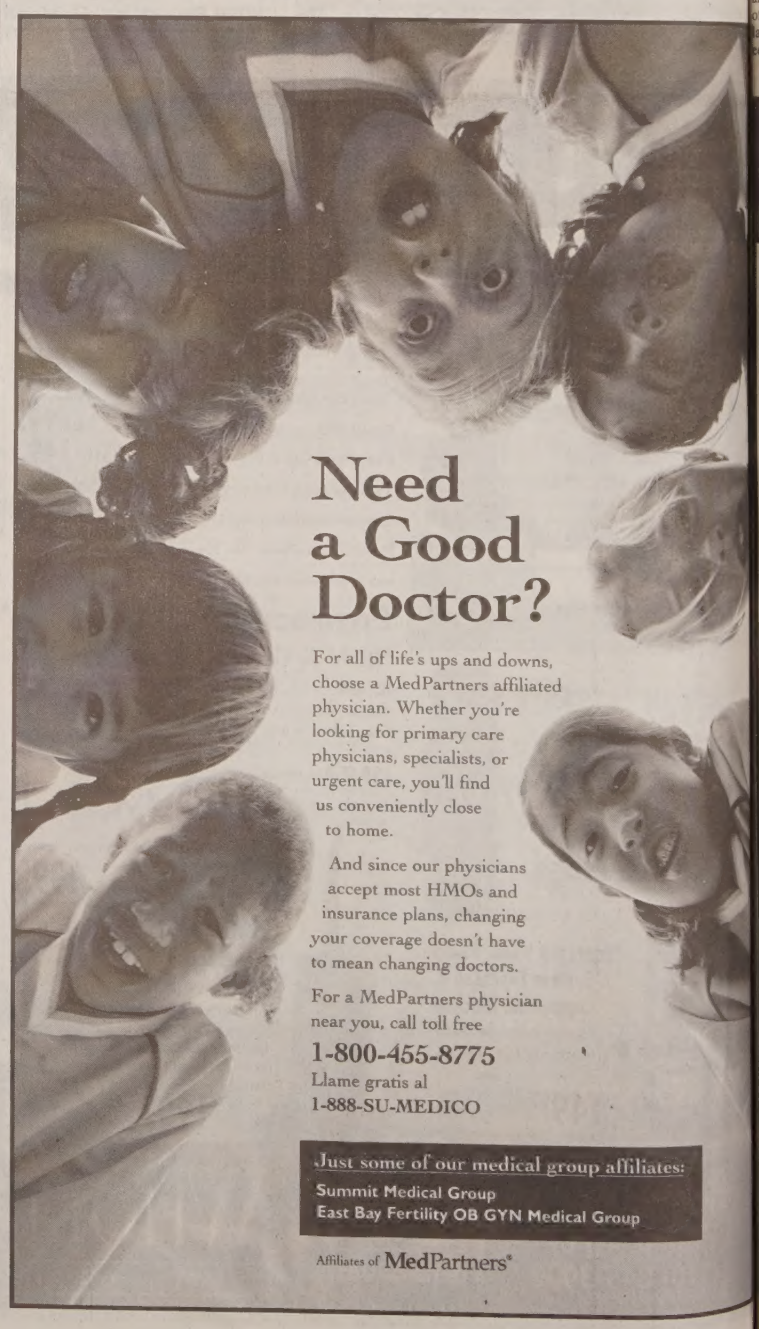
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For more information contact Michael Caplan, City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department, 705-8182.



Before the court of public ridicule



Bill Mann

Marv Albert Wigs Out?: Radio talk shows and TV newscasts have been having a sleazefest with the seamy **Marv Albert** trial this week. "It's disgusting," my wife says of the coverage. It's hard to disagree. Here's further proof of the tabloidization of America. About the allegations against the rug-wearing NBC tonsil, KGO Radio's **Ronn Owens** comemnted, "Was it kinky or brutal? There's a big difference." Agreed.

"If the guy's convicted, NBC will probably drop him," added Owens. Hope so. "But some other network will probably pick him up." Hope not. But (sigh) Owens is probably right.

Owens invited toe-sucking former White House guru **Dick Morris** on his show as "someone else who knows what it's like to be held up to public ridicule." Morris said Albert shouldn't even have been charged. "C'mon," the ever-crass political operative said, "It was a 10-year relationship. She was legal age. Come on." Yeah, Dick, come on.

Do we really need to know about people's sex lives, no matter how well-known the person is? Of course not. This behavior should be kept private, and that's why so many of Albert's friends were shocked by the charges and said what a nice guy he was. That's because they never had sex with him.

And how about all the people who have no idea who Marv Albert is? Do they care about any of this? I know who Albert is, and I still don't care. I'm dismayed but not surprised the trial is receiving this heavy coverage. It's the Murdoch-ization of American media, a process long underway. I've been saying for years that we made a big mistake when we let Rupert have that green card.

Commiserating With The Clintons: The First Lady, in her syndicated column last week, noted that she and her husband had "dreaded" for years the day their child went away to college. Hillary's sensitive piece on the empty-nest syndrome and all the media coverage about Chelsea's arrival at Stanford hit home for us. It also highlighted a topic you'll be seeing more and more of in the Lifestyle section of newspapers.

My wife and I were a month ahead of the Clintons. Our second and youngest, our daughter, went off to Reed College in Portland in late August, and our house is eerily quiet. So's the phone; sometimes we're startled when it rings! Some of our friends are going through similar parental withdrawal symptoms; we're on the leading edge of Boomers whose kids are now leaving home, and there are many millions to come. Long- time KGO Radio talk host **Dr. Carla Perez** is a friend, and she also went through this transition last year when her son went off to UC-Berkeley. The psychiatrist says, "There's a period of mourning, sure. But you get over it. A big chapter in your life is over." She adds: "Now we don't have all those baseball games to attend."

Like the Clintons, we dreaded that day, too. The empty nest is even more pronounced for us since my wife and I have both worked at home the past 18 years. So, to all you readers with younger kids: Not only will it happen to you — it'll happen much sooner than you think. Enjoy every minute you have with your children — and do everything you can to increase that time.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: If anyone needed proof that music radio is increasingly classless — and I didn't — I got it from long-time Bay Area DJ **John Mack Flanagan**. Flanagan, a 20-plus year pro with KBGG, KRQR and KFRC, was one of the staffers "blown out" recently when K-BIG, the successful San Francisco rock-oldies station at 98.1 FM, was merged into another company and suddenly changed musical formats. "I was on vacation," fumes Flanagagn, "and no one even bothered to call to tell me I'd been fired. They cleaned out my locker — and UPS'd my stuff to me! My severance check came in the mail. Never a phone call or message." Flanagan says he's so fed up with the San Francisco radio scene and its consolidation of station ownership that he's moved to Santa Rosa, where he now does morning drive on another oldies station, KMGG (at 97.7 FM, you can get it in some parts of the East Bay) ...

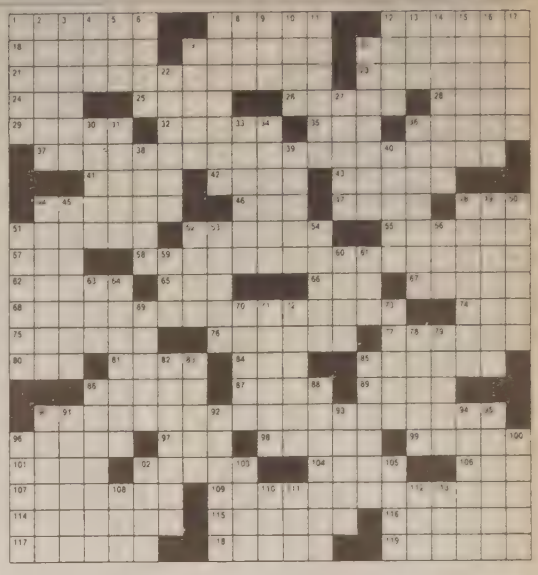
Ousted Channel 5 news director Al Corral, the man we can thank for Roberta Gonzales, has landed in L.A. at tabloid show "Extra," as executive editor ... My KTVU sources say that irate KGO-TV management called Channel 2 after it "teased" the **Dan Noyes** picket-chasing story earlier this month, threatening a lawsuit if the embarrassing Noyes footage aired. Which it did. I also hear that Channel 7 employees are being interrogated to find out who leaked the tape to the Oakland station. KGO Radio's **Gene Burns** couldn't resist getting the needle in on his talk show the other day saying robo-anchor Noyes should be in training for a marathon. Heh heh ... An Oakland reader e-mails some "metric conversion" terms, cautioning, "they're better if read aloud:" "8 nickels equals 2 paradigms. 1,000,000 piccolos equals 1 giggolo. 3 1/3 Tridents equals 1 decadent." That's quite enough ...

This weekend's movie recommendations: "The Full Monty" is an intermittently amusing little British film about six laid-off Yorkshire steelworkers who stage a Chippendale-type strip show. You won't be disappointed. Three stars ... I saw "L.A. Confidential" because **Kevin Spacey** is a favorite and he has the best smirk around. It's a strong movie, one that's more evocative of the 1950s than any modern film in memory. (Now that our kids are gone, I can catch more flicks). Three and a half stars ... Also worth watching: **Steven Bochco's** second new fall series, "Total Security," premieres Saturday night at 9 on Channel 7 — terrible time spot. **James Belushi** is amusing as a loose cannon in this dramedy set in an L.A. detective agency ... The worst new show of the fall season, NBC's "Jenny," befouls the airwaves when it debuts Sunday night. Avoid it at all costs ... "NYPD Blue," TV's best drama, is back next Tuesday night, with the **Jimmy Smits** undercover storyline finally resolved ... Finally, **Bill Maher** says that when his "Politically Incorrect" failed to win an Emmy, "ABC sent around a limo for me — with a French chauffeur."

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Martin Snapp

Queen Of Tarts: I know it's a cliche to say it's the end of an era, but this time it really is: Next Tuesday, Lindsey Remolif Shere — the only pastry chef Chez Panisse has ever had — will call it a career after more than a quarter-century at the Mother Church of California Cuisine. Chez Panisse opened its doors August 28, 1971. (And the most expensive item on the menu was only $3.95!) But the story really begins back in 1964, when Shere's husband Charles started working at KPFA. One of his duties was editing *Folio*, the KPFA program guide, and he needed someone to print it. That led him to a young graphics artist named David Lance Goines, who was living with a waitress named Alice Waters and ...

As they say, the rest is history. Back then, they were all poor as church mice and just starting out, and they had no idea they were about to revolutionize America's eating habits — and become famous in the process. Alice Waters is the Duke Ellington of the food world. Like the Duke, she celebrates the simple by serving it up with the utmost elegance. And Lindsey Shere is her Billy Strayhorn, winner of the James Beard Foundation's Pastry Chef of the Year award and author of a now-classic cookbook with illustrations by none other than Wayne Thiebaud. It's hard to remember now how badly we used to eat before they launched their revolution, but it was a Wonderbread world. Even the fanciest restaurants served salads made of iceberg lettuce, with dressing out of a bottle. Entrees were smothered in rich, creamy sauces that made everything taste the same. Vegetables were frozen. Desserts were monstrous meringue confections that took days to prepare — and tasted like it. Our food reflected our attitude toward nature — namely, that we had conquered it. With refrigerated trucks and sulfites and superhighways — why, you could keep a head of iceberg lettuce fresh-looking for a whole week while transporting it from farm to supermarket. Another miracle of modern science!

Chez Panisse turned all that on its ear. Instead of fighting nature, it went with nature's flow. Menus were governed by what was in season, and everything was locally grown. (And I do mean locally: In the early days, Shere and her husband would walk around the neighborhood at night, picking acacia, mimosa and plum blossoms to make into ice cream flavors the next day.)

The watchword was freshness. "I just believe there's a difference between a tart that was made this morning and a tart that's still warm from the oven," says Shere.

Plus there was an incredible attention to detail. When Shere made a chopped pistacho nut garnish to put on her lemon tarts, each pistachio nut had to be peeled of its paper-like skin first.

When she made candied violets, each violet blossom (which was freshly picked, of course) had to be individually painted with egg white on one side, then flipped over and painted on the other side.

With such intense dedication to perfection, you'd think this could be an obnoxious, overbearing person to work with, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Instead, she is an exceptionally kind person whose thoughtfullness is legendary.

Her former assistant, Mary Jo Thoresen, remembers an especially embarrassing gaffe she made when she first started working. They had 10 cake pans already baking in the oven when Thoresen realized to her horror that she'd forgotten to mix in the flour.

Another boss might have fired Thoresen on the spot, or at least screamed at her up one side and down the other. But not Shere. "No problem," she said cheerfully. She took the pans out of the oven, scraped out all the batter, sifted in the flour, and baked the cakes (which, by the way, turned out to be delicious).

"Lindsey understands that you don't motivate someone by humiliating them," says Thoresen.

Over the last quarter-century, a who's who of the cooking world have come and gone as chefs de cuisine at Chez Panisse — Jeremiah Tower, Mark Miller, Joyce Goldstein, Paul Bertolli and Jean-Pierre Moulle. But there has only been one pastry chef. Until now.

Not to worry. Chez Panisse will continue to serve Shere's specialities, like berries in Champagne jelly, tangerine mousse, sugared rose petals, plum blossom ice cream and her signature dish, almond tart. And restaurants will still be feeling her influence when her grandchildren have grandchildren. If you doubt that, check out the apple crisps that are de riguer in almost every restaurant nowadays. They were Shere's invention, too.

In the meantime, Shere plans to enjoy her retirement by doing some things she hasn't had time for before: bird watching, visiting art galleries and museums, indulging her secret vice — eating donuts — and catching up on non-work-related reading.

First up: that tell-all unauthorized biography of Martha Stewart, "Just Desserts."

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Photo courtesy Verne Odlin

The original blacksmith shop of Wilhelm Rust near the intersection of Fairmount and San Pablo avenues in 1889. Rust's wife Lena is in the carriage. Behind her are Wilhelm, son Herman, employee Joe Lager and two unidentified men.

Rust

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have been proud of Pryde."

Robert Rust said his grandfather, a pioneer El Cerritan, also would have been proud of the recognition given to the site. Had he been there, Rust said he would have commended the historical society's actions.

"He was a proud, patriotic man," said Rust. "I know he's sitting back and smiling, wherever he is."

Current building owner Don Pryde said the ceremony enhanced his family's awareness of its historical role in the city. "Our family goes back quite a ways here," he said. "We're pleased and proud to be El Cerritans, one and all."

According to the historical society's record of El Cerrito history, William Rust moved to the area over a century ago, looking for a place to his build his blacksmith shop. He rented the land from Victor Castro for $20 a year before purchasing it and erecting the building.

At the time of its construction, the blacksmith shop was one of the very few buildings that dotted the dusty dirt road known that was then San Pablo Avenue. Capitalizing on the need for farming implements for use in the surrounding fields, Rust began a successful business making and selling tools.

The city was named after him when he became its first postmaster in 1909, and remained Rust (pronounced "Roost" according to Robert Rust) until it was renamed El Cerrito when the city (population 1,500 was incorporated in 1917. In the 1920s, Rust's blacksmith shop became a Pryde-owned hardware store, which it has been ever since.

The commemorative plaque was installed on a wall outside the hardware store earlier last week. It faces a bustling San Pablo Avenue that hardly resembles the sparsely developed region it was in Rust's time.

Among those attending the ceremony were several former El Cerrito mayors and current city officials, who marveled at old photographs of the site that were provided by the historical society.

City Manager Gary Pokorny said he supports the official recognition of historical sites in the city.

"This kind of project is really vital," Pokorny said. "It helps us all understand the heritage of the community."

A single plaque costs the historical society $369, according to treasurer Verne Odlin. Anyone interested in contributing to the purchase of future plaques should contact Schroeder, mornings or evenings, at 525-0177, or write to the society at P.O. Box 304, El Cerrito, 94530.

Layout

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The hardship status is being argued on the basis of the high school's concrete construction, its three-stories, and its four disconnected units. Because the high school was built in phases, the four units of the main building are not tied together.

Although the bill passed through the Assembly with no hitches, the Board of Education earlier this month pulled it from the Senate floor when they learned it would most likely be defeated. The board had originally believed the legislation to be their best bet. However, with word of waning senate support, the board has now redirected its energy toward the appeal.

"It is admittedly going to be a challenge to receive that funding," Hudson said, but added, "We are going to be successful."

Through additional meetings with members of the OPSC, he said, the district has guidance on the data it must supply the State Allocation Board, the final arbiters of funding.

"In the meantime, we can't allow for dead time. There is the need to push ahead and keep the momentum," said Hudson.

It was more of a challenge to get the legislation through the Senate, said Hudson, primarily because Sen. Leroy Green has been involved in the California facilities process for so long "and has particular ideas about how school districts should be approaching some of these problems."

Schematics

The four layouts discussed at the two public meetings demonstrate the different options the district has in configuring a new high school.

"What we are doing is space planning, exploring the relationship of the parts, to see how we can best utilize the land," said district architect Ken Kerch.

All four schemes include the Little Theater and, in the Industrial Arts building, a district kitchen and large multipurpose room. The kitchen would serve the high school, and all of the district's schools. The Industrial Arts building and Little Theater, however, will not stay completely unchanged; they both qualify for state modernization funding. While the Industrial Arts building will remain discrete, three of the four schematics include a connection from the main building to the Little Theater.

The pool building will also remain unchanged. Also, all four schemes have a common number and square footage of classes for each program. What varies is the corridor space.

The four schematics vary from an "L"-shaped main building, with one leg along Thousand Oaks and one along Key Route, to a "U" shaped main building with one side parallel to Key Route, one side parallel to the tennis courts, and the bottom along Thousand Oaks.

• By far the most architecturally adventurous, Scheme A's most prominent design feature is a main entry at mid-block on Key Route.

In Scheme A the main building is "L" shaped. The leg parallel to Key Route bends in at a 45 degree angle at the tip, toward the courtyard, its outermost corner connecting with a narrow corridor to the Little Theater.

Scheme A's dramatic entrance at this bend, and its varying, articulated face made it the attendant community's favorite. On Thousand Oaks Boulevard the face juts in and out, and on Key Route nearest the corner the face rounds slightly where the library would be.

• In Plan B, also with an "L"-shaped main building, the entry is at the corner of Thousand Oaks and Key Route, close to where the main entry is now. Unlike the entry in scheme A, the entry in scheme B is subdued. Scheme B, however, includes a large, voluminous library space, allowing for an overlook from the second level down to the first.

The connection between the Little Theater and the main building is almost completely filled in, narrowing only slightly. From Key Route, plan B consists of a long, straight facade. However, on the backside, the first floor has a different bay-width than the thinning second floor, creating a step-effect.

The attendant community disliked the inarticulated facade along Key Route and the entrance on Thousand Oaks Boulevard, although they did like the openness of the courtyard. While one-third of the audience liked the voluminous library, most audience members gave the entrance first priority.

• Schematic C, with a "U" shaped main building, has only two floors, therefore the exterior space of the courtyard is constricted. The entry is at mid-block on Key Route where the library would be. The Little Theater and main building are not connected. While the Thousand Oaks wall is slightly articulated, the Memorial Field wall is flat. However, Plan C was barely discussed, because its lack of exterior space made it unacceptable to the audience.

Plan D included a "U"-shaped main building. However a corner of the "U" on Thousand Oaks and Key Route is cut out, creating two separate buildings and a prominent corner entrance. Also, a second-floor bridge between the two legs of the "U," creates an overhang in the courtyard to be used as a lunch shelter.

However, the overhang did not go over well with the attendant audience. They feared it would be expensive and either create a wind tunnel or a shadowy, cold, cavernous space in a large portion of the courtyard.

At the end of the meeting, when the audience voted for the general concept of each scheme, still allowing for a swapping of features, everyone in the audience voted for schematic A.

Partner

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Reaction by some city council members to the partnership an reflected optimism that contrasted with the more contentious relationship the city has had with Bilak in the past.

Redevelopment Agency Chair Jane Bartke said the city had started preliminary discussions with Bilak and American Stores, and she is "optimistic and encouraged" about what they will come up with.

"I am looking forward to the city working closely with the Bilaks (Milton and his son Dorian) and American Stores to forge a plan that we can implement as soon as possible," said Councilmember Mark Friedman.

"I am very optimistic," said Councilmember Gina Brusatori, "that we will be seeing the fruits of their (American Stores' and the Bilaks') labor in the next few months. I am delighted that they are working together and I am certain El Cerrito will be proud of what they come up with."

Councilmember Norman La Force said he welcomes American Stores and the Bilaks working together, saying, "We'll see what the private sector can present."

However, they should look carefully at the site plan, said La Force, because that is what was approved. He will personally, he said, be looking at how well they integrate the current site plan into their own revitalization plans.

Triumph

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Jacqueline writes: "Everytime I do my birthday list, I always write down the friends I made in preschool and kindergarten and all the other grades. But, Talia, she is my 'oldest' friend, I met her in the bravest battle of all ... the one to stay alive. Talia may not walk, but she is always standing tall."

For Talia being brave and having fun often go hand in hand: "I went to Camp Keetov in the summer and I went to Club Med and I swung on the high trapeze and went scuba diving in the pool. I went to Camp Swig and went on the Alpine tower, the tall tower with telephone polls attached to it. And, I went almost to the top. I scraped my knee on the telephone pole, a little," said Talia.

Arlene Burbank credits teachers and administrators at Kensington Hilltop and Madera elementary who she believes were instrumental in the success of both girls.

"I think both have benefited from the school's they've attended. Both were nurtured in the public school system," said Burbank.

"I think the teachers they hired at Kensington inspired children to learn. The environment there fosters camraderie," she said.

"The move beyond traditional academics and the strong sense of parent involvement have brought the school up to the four star level. "

The full inclusion program in place at Madera allows Talia to be educated side by side with her non-disabled peers. Her regular classroom instruction is supplemented by a special education teacher or other professional support, as the need arises.

But, at least for one teacher, Talia's independent spirit has kept those needs to a minimum. "She's such a together kid, there's not a lot for me to do," said Meg Mowry-Evans, Talia's special education teacher .

"I think the district has met Talia's needs very well. Overall we've been able to find the resources that she needs," said Keller. "The principal has been very supportive, helping her be a part of the school community."

Differing

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projects and $165.5 million to help pay for a million BART extension to Fremont, north county members chose instead, for the most part, to fund oriented projects.

Among the north county projects tentatively for funding under a new Measure B: $4.5 million improvements to the San Pablo Avenue Corridor, $1 million, 900-space parking structure at Fruitvale B to go complement with a mixed-use development the station, a $5 million transit center at Broadway 14th Street in Oakland, and a $13.8 million intermodal station near the Oakland Coliseum.

North county could also receive $26 million improvements to one of AC Transit's "top five" dors (the corridor has yet to be determined), $52 m to help fund a $198 million BART connector to Oakland airport, and, in what proved the most contentious issue at last week's north county forum, million for environmental studies and right-of-way quisition to widen 73rd Avenue through Edwards enue in Oakland.

The forums were held so that members of the might comment on the draft plan, said Vince Harris executive director of the Alameda County Transportation Authority, the agency which administers Measure funds, at the meeting.

After pointing out the vast differences between the "ranchlike atmosphere" of east county (Dublin Livermore and Pleasanton) and the more urban county (Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, land and Piedmont), Harris said the public nature process has proved a "significant undertaking." interest groups by the dozen lining up in search Measure B funds.

"Our goal is to reach consensus in this process develop this process and this plan, many people involved," Harris said. Also, Harris said, anyone polled earlier this year on how Measure B dollars be spent, commuter rail and BART gained the highmarks, followed by local streets and roads, paratransbus service and highway construction.

ACTA consultant Bonnie Nelson then weighed saying that when the process began in April, the committee was faced with more than 100 proposed projects totaling $6 billion, to be funded by the $1 billion measure is expected to raise. Also, the $1 billion fund both capital projects and transit set-asides. Nelson said, leaving the committee with many a difficult choice as to where the money should be spent.

Populations with differing priorities

At present, north county, expected to hold nearly 25 percent of the county's population in 2005, would direct 28.1 percent of its Measure B dollars into local streets and roads, with 25.7 percent going to transit, 14 percent to paratransit and 2.2 percent to "enhancements" such as bicycle and pedestrian-related projects. That, in turn, would leave $125.7 million, or 30 percent, for the above-mentioned capital projects, one of which, the City of Oakland's proposed widening of 73rd Avenue east of MacArthur, drew the ire of dozens of residents and business owners from the area.

According to Terry Roberts, Oakland's director of Public Works, the approximately $31 million project would involve widening 73rd Avenue through Edwards Avenue from two to four lanes. The approximately 1/2 mile-long project, some 20 years in the planning, would involve removal of between 20 and 40 homes in the area, said Roberts, who was at the meeting, with the $1 million in Measure B funds going toward environmental studies, right-of-way acquisition and some construction.

Among those in the just-under 100-member audience who chose to speak on other subjects, the greatest concerns were focused on bicycle/pedestrian enhancements, slated to receive what many felt was a scant 2.2 percent of north county funds and not a dime in the south and east portions of the county. Hank Resnik, a co-chair of the Bicycle Friendly Berkeley Coalition, called the allocation "pathetic" and said his group might now have to oppose Measure B.

"You did listen, but not to us," Resnik said, "not to people who are concerned about the need for alternatives to suburban sprawl and ever more road building."

Robert Raburn, chair of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, seconded the call for more bicycle funding. "We feel that 5 percent is an absolute minimum to take care of the incredible backlog of projects which face us as we're going to solve our transportation problems," he said. "We can defeat this measure if we need to."

But AC Transit Director Matt Williams, a member of the measure's Steering Committee, said the enhancements set-aside is likewise not set in stone, and that "it's too early for the bicycle people to think that they've been shut out."

Others choosing to speak at the forum displayed a wide array of concerns. Brian Wiese, a planner with the East Bay Regional Park District, also spoke in favor of more enhancement dollars, while Ralph Johnson of the Alameda County Public Works Department called for funding to maintain the High Street, Fruitvale and Park Street estuary bridges.

Tom Blalock, a BART director and member of Measure B's Steering Committee, plugged both the Fremont and Oakland Airport BART extensions, saying, "I think that's a real good investment in the transit legacy we leave for future generations."

In what turned out to be an opinion very much in the minority, Sue Day, executive director of the Oakland-based California Alliance for Jobs, said, "We can solve the set-aside problem that you have with people bickering over what to have. Let's just do all capital construction and not do set-asides."

Those unhappy with the list of projects can take their beef to the Measure B Steering Committee, an 11-member body of elected officials which will meet next on Oct. 20 at 1333 Broadway, suite 220, in Oakland at 2:30 p.m.

The final set-aside percentages are, by Steering Committee directive, due by Oct. 1, after which the EPTC will most likely be disbanded. The plan will then make its way from the Steering Committee to the Transportation Authority, then to the county Congestion Management Agency, after which it must be approved by city councils representing a majority of county voters and, finally, by the county Board of Supervisors.

Beyond the questions of which projects will make the final cut and how much will be dedicated to set-asides, the Steering Committee must also decide whether the measure needs a simple majority approval or a more difficult to attain two-thirds approval, as well as how many years it will run. And, in 1998, county voters will answer the final question in the long and at-times arduous process, a simple yes or no on the fate of the new Measure B.

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

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Acclaimed Afro-Peruvian er Susana Baca, who performs ms by contemporary Peruvian sts, comes to La Peña Friday h shows at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Baca is a vocalist, composer, ic researcher and founder of Center for the Black Con- ss.



Susana Baca is at La Peña

olt Planetarium

"Saturday Night Stargazing," ongoing. See the moon, planets, star sters and galaxies through astronomical telescopes, weather permit- g. At the Lawrence Hall of Science Plaza. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. e. Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Centennial ve, Berkeley; 642-5132.

otanical garden tours

• Botanical Garden Tours; 2 p.m.; guided docent tours of the gardens. ll ahead to confirm tour is on for the day. Saturday and Sunday; 841- 32.

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hotography xhibit

Photographs by David gger are on exhibit ough Dec. 10 at the Al- y Community Center er Gallery, 1249 Marin t., Albany. Details: 524- 53.



ourmet Expectations

A celebration of the Bay Area's finest food and spirits, Gourmet pectations is a benefit to support hospice and home care for terminally patients served by Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Northern lifornia. The event is Sept. 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Berkeley City ub, 2315 Durant Ave.; 540-8795. Cost is $75 (of which, $50 is tax ductible).

ystery Evening

The Autumnal Armchair Mystery Evenings program continues pt. 30 at 7 p.m. with authors Lynne Murray and Rick Riordan at M.C. wburn/Books with "Tricky," 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 524- 70.

usic season opens

Pianist Deno Gianopoulos opens the Department of Music at rkeley's 1997-98 season on Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. at Hertz Concert Hall, C-Berkeley. Admission is a mere $10.



Mike Fitelson

e Beast asks Beauty to marry him and free him from a magic ell.

eauty and the Beast' marionette style

No other legend or fairy tale has captured the hearts and imagina- n of children more completely than "Beauty and the Beast" by nch authoress Mme Leprince de Beaumont. It is the simple tale of rince turned into a beast who learns to love by the kindness and ng of a young village girl named Beauty.

Master Puppeteer, Lewis Mahlmann, takes you into a romantic, sterious countryside where Forest Spirits watch out for the wild mals, and haunted castles are not what they appear to be. With turned marionettes, and scenic effects, Children's Fairyland and its orybook Puppet Theater transports you back to the magical times of th century Europe.

The marionettes, scenery and script were adapted by Mahlmann nself, with character designs by well-known children's Golden ok illustrator Sheilah Beckett. Maurice Ravel's "Mother Goose ite" is used as the background music for this production. The show from now through Nov. 8 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. everyday iryland is open.

Fairyland is located at Oakland's Lakeside Park on the shore of e Merritt (the corners of Grand and Bellevue.) Admission is $3.25 adults, $2.74 for children. Under one is free. For information call -2259 or on the Internet at www.fairyland.org.

'Pentecost' done in by rapid-fire dialogue

"Pentecost' by David Edgar, directed by Tony Taccone, at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through Oct. 31.
By Don McConnell

Is it hypocritical to praise a play you couldn't sit through? Yet there's plenty to like in David Edgar's Pentecost, not least of which is the superior cast assembled by Tony Taccone for his first directorial foray as the Berkeley Rep's new artistic director.

To the extent that literature is recreation for the intellect—refreshing it by visits to strange new lands and perspectives—Pentecost is a success.

Like Tony Kushner's Slavs, which Taccone also directed for the Rep, Pentecost imagines the mind-scrambling world of post-Soviet Eastern Europe.

What seems to fascinate both Kushner and Edgar is the dilemma of intellectuals for whom the bedrock of Communist orthodoxy has been jettisoned overnight and replaced with shifting sands.

Edgar has the livelier imagination; some of the officials in his unnamed Balkan land are as delightful as they are improbable. For instance, there's the Minister of Culture (played by Matthew Boston), a young guy who wears an ankle-length fur coat, speaks English like a Las Vegas sharpster, and has a brilliant mind that instantly determines his self-interest in a situation.

The first act introduces faction after faction—a Russian Orthodox priest, a Roman Catholic priest, a partisan of the "heritage" party, computer-whiz technocrats, a scholar from the national museum determined to salvage the national spirit through historical detective work—and that's not a comprehensive list.



Ken Friedman

J. Michael Flynn plays a British art historian who champions the cause of the discoverer of a long-lost fresco (Mary Shultz).

They're at each other's throats, not about control of the country, but—in a clever use of microcosm—of a church building (according to the restitution laws, it goes to whichever faction can make the best case for historical ownership) and a fresco discovered within it.

That fresco is the basis of another battle that rages even more fiercely in the play, and which takes us to the equally exotic realm of scholarly dispute.

The fresco, or so hope its discoverer and the British art historian who is her ally, pushes the beginning of the Renaissance a full century earlier and places it not in Italy but in the Balkans.

Their opponent, a publicity hound of a Cornell art professor, soon shows that their dating of the fresco is based on a national epic poem first written down a century after the events it is being used to verify.

The outcome of this dispute (further complicated by competing views of art restoration) is of great interest to the scholars; it also will determine which political faction gets the church and the potentially valuable painting.

The world of scholarly dispute is perfectly captured, including the personal venom that can accompany such disputes.

That venom saves the play for a while, since otherwise the exchanges are like reading academic footnotes—interesting but not riveting.

Edgar combines these complicated worlds—ideology and scholarship—in dialogue that is scintillating, often very witty, but utterly unrelenting.

The rapid-fire exchanges reminded me of Shaw, except that they are up-to-date and (maybe only for that reason) seem more perceptive and trenchant.

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Production marks director Tarrone's debut at the Rep

By Steve Cassal

A play currently on the boards in Southern Oregon offers a glimpse of what to expect in the near future from the Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

"Pentecost," one of the hits of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival — staged annually in Ashland, Oregon, a small town nestled in the Siskiyou Mountains about 40 miles north of the California-Oregon border — also represents a sneak preview of the aims and aspirations of Tony Taccone, tabbed last month to succeed Sharon Ott as Berkeley Rep's artistic director.

Taccone directs Ashland's "Pentecost." But that won't end his relationship with David Edgar's contemporary drama about lost art — and lost people. On Sept. 17 Taccone opened Berkeley Rep's new season by directing an East Bay version of the political thriller.

Not only does the Ashland "Pentecost" display Taccone's taste in plays and approach to putting them on. It also gives an inkling as to the direction he might point the Rep as he begins his tenure as artistic director.

"I like plays with imagination and great ideas, plays that are ambitious," says Taccone, who has directed nineteen plays at Berkeley Rep, including "Geni(us)" and "The Convict's Return," and who staged the epic "Angels in America" at the Marc Taper Forum in Los Angeles. "My tendency as a director, I think, is to err on the side of too much rather than too little. I prefer plays that

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The Adventures of a Shakespeare Scholar

Recounting a lifetime studying the Bard

By Carol Egan

Berkeley resident, Marvin Rosenberg, Professor of Dramatic Art Emeritus from UC Berkeley, has added another tome to his already considerable contributions to Shakespearean scholarship. Unlike his previous works, however, each devoted to one of Shakespeare's tragic heroes (The Masks of "Othello," 1961; The Masks of "King Lear," 1972; The Masks of "Macbeth," 1978; and The Masks of "Hamlet," 1992), The Adventures of a Shakespeare Scholar, recently published by the University of Delaware Press, is a collection of essays and lectures by Rosenberg, most of which have been delivered and published over the course of his lengthy and illustrious career.

Each essay is prefaced with personal anecdotes about the circumstances under which it was delivered, colleagues with whom he worked on the subject, and numerous acknowledgements to the international group of actors, directors, and scholars who have assisted Rosenberg and given him further insight into the rich and wonderful world of Shakespeariana.

Rosenberg's premise is that Shakespeare's art consists in equal part of the meaning and poetry of the words and the theatrical presentation of the characters and plays. He makes his point very clearly in essays on Hamlet, King Lear, Macbeth and Othello, speaking in detail of the "polyphony" of these larger-than-life personnae. Through comparisons of different actor's interpretations, Rosenberg illustrates how rich these characters are in multiple personality traits. By implication he also suggests how diverse the actors choices are when portraying them. His numerous examples make his point very clear.

Throughout his career Rosenberg has sought out performances of Shakespeare's plays and, whenever possible, discussed individual interpretations with actors and directors. On several occasions he was also able to sit in on the entire rehearsal process. His notes from these sessions, especially the very detailed one's regarding Paul Scofield's Macbeth as directed by Peter Hall at Stratford-Upon-Avon, are invaluable to theatre people, critics, and historians.

Perhaps least convincing of all the essays is Rosenberg's earliest one, "Elizabethan Actors: Men or Marionettes?" presented to the Modern Language Association at its annual convention in 1952 and later published in PMLA. In an attempt to refute the "formalists" who believed that Shakespeare's actors performed in a stilted and mechanical fashion, using set gestures to express emotions, Rosenberg offers little written evidence to back up his argument.

The few accounts seem too general and succinct to serve as adequate proof that Shakespeare's actors, as Rosenberg believes, strove to present a naturalistic representation of their characters.

Of considerable historical interest is the essay, "Shame on You, David Garrick - or, What the Victorian Theater Did to Shakespeare's Tragedies." Rosenberg prefaces the essay with his own opinion about censorship vis-a-vis Shakespeare.

"Even now, in the theater, Shakespeare's texts are sometimes cut and pasted to suit

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Stagebridge offers two productions on seniors issues for '97 season

'Love, Sex, and Growing Old'; 'Caring: Tales of Caregiving' Oct. 4-Dec. 7, Saturdays and Sundays (3 p.m. and 8 p.m.) at theNorth Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St.

Stagebridge opens its 19th year of bringing senior theater to the Bay Area with two plays on aging, *Love, Sex and Growing Old,* and *Caring: Tales of Caregiving.*

The company says it is bringing back the two productions by popular demand, and has scheduled performance from Oct. 4 through Dec. 7 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Street in Berkeley.

Performances of *Love, Sex and Growing Old* will be held Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., with *Caring* running on Sundays at 3 p.m., followed by a panel discussion.

Both plays address the need to be touched, to be sexual, and to experience love.

The myth of a loss of sexuality due to old age is viewed for what it is, a myth. Healing our images of ourselves, and our family by moving past selfimposed limits set the tone of both plays.

Ticket prices for both shows are $13. Reservations may be made by calling 444-4755.



Betty Ohen and Jerry Fishman in the Stagebridge production of 'Love, Sex and Growing Old' by Linda Spector.

Pentecost

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But the pace is exhausting. In the first act (of about 80 minutes), there is scarcely a moment for reflection. Every moment a new character is added, or a new judicial or ideological or scholarly wrinkle is added to the plot.

If you pause for a moment, even to savor the play's cleverness, you risk losing the thread.

A friend who saw it with me began napping early on, and at the end of an hour, my early exhilaration had given way to weariness.

I suspect that the playwright and the director must share responsibility for this; it was like a symphony played presto throughout, even the slow movements.

What finally killed my interest was the arrival near the end of act I of a band of refugees with automatic weapons. Suddenly the art scholars are being brutalized, and the welter of Eastern European accents becomes even harder to understand. Also, at the intermission, I learned that act II was another 85 minutes.

Since then I've wondered how it turned out, but it's hard to care very much, because despite the dazzling dialogue, Edgar fails to add any human element (besides his exploration of self-interest) to the battle of ideas. Pentecost exists entirely in a world of abstraction.

The level of acting, typical for this company, is first rate. In addition to the terrific Minister of Culture already mentioned, Frank Corrado's portrayal of Leo Katz (the Cornell professor) is as capivating as the character is extreme. J. Michael Flynn, as the British scholar, is also superb.

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Pentecost plays Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with a variety of matinees, through Oct. 31. Tickets are $34.50 to $45. Call 845-4700.

Debut

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try to bring a lot of things together. I was totally knocked out by "Pentecost" the first time I read it, because it does explore so many important issues. Like all great plays, it's about everything."

Of the many issues that "Pentecost" brings together, Taccone says that the ones that stand out are the value of art, the power and use of language, national identity, and xenophobia. But, he says that, "For me, the single biggest theme in the play is being forced to see the 'other' — people and experiences outside our own frame of reference. The potential of that is enormously wonderful."

Set in an unnamed Eastern European country newly freed from Soviet rule — a country that closely resembles the former Yugoslavia — "Pentecost" begins with the discovery of a pre-Renaissance fresco in an abandoned church. Hidden under a mundane work of "people's art" from the period of Socialist realism, the painting may be a lost masterpiece that inspired Giotto — and perhaps brought about a turnaround in the course of western art and civilization. While art historians, academics and politicians furiously debate the significance of the painting, refugees from ethnic cleansing burst into the church, take scholars and the work of art hostage — and threaten to destroy the people as well as the painting if their demands for sanctuary are not met.

The refugees of "Pentecost" speak at least nine different languages. The interaction of these characters may at times call to mind the Tower of Babel with its many disparate accents. But perhaps the culminating moment in the play — a variation of the "Pentecostal" moment found in *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-6* — occurs when the refugees, each speaking in his or her native tongue, tell their stories and somehow understand one another, transcending differences of language, nationality, and political affiliation.

"The use of language in the play is extremely complex. Sometimes it's hard not only to figure out the meaning, but to determine who is speaking to whom," Taccone says. "But the more I studied the play, the more I saw the clarity in it, the wisdom. It's a parable, I think. A political parable of the modern world. It tells us that we're going to have to come up with a different kind of language if we're going to survive. It tells us that we're going to have to stop seeing the 'other' as so very different, that instead we're going to have to see him as being more like ourselves than we imagined."

Onstage in Ashland, the many voices — among the refugees are a Mozambican, a Palestinian Kuwaiti, a Bosnian, a Russian, a Ukrainian, an Afghan, a Sri Lankan and a Kurd — somehow manage to express not only their own distinctiveness, but the common bonds that unite humanity. In a sense, all of the characters speak the language of survival.

The script has flaws. An overly talky art history "lecture" dominates the first 20 minutes or so. The shift from "art" play to "political thriller" when the refugees storm the church is too sudden. And several of the main figures seem to be mouthpieces of various nationalistic viewpoints. But Taccone moves the action along so briskly and with such a keen awareness of the key issues that one tends to forget about these shortcomings. Instead, one savors the play's "stew" of ideas.

The Berkeley production figures to be every bit as tasty as the Ashland staging. Taccone says that "I learned how the engine of the play works" at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Moreover, the director will bring to the East Bay virtually the same design team that he worked with at the Festival. That includes language coach Nancy Benjamin, movement coach John Sipes, and set designer William Bloodgood.

Not much about the set will change in the play's journey from Ashland to Berkeley, says Taccone. It'll remain the same impressionistic/historical representation of a basilica.

Several things about the Berkeley production will be different, however. An entirely new cast has been chosen, one that features Michael Flynn as Oliver Davenport, the British art historian; Mary Schultz as Gabriella Pecs, the native of "our country" who discovers the painting; and Lisa Bruneau as Yasmin, the Palestinian Kuwaiti who leads the refugees in their quest for repatriation.

Another difference will be the presence of playwright David Edgar, who will visit Berkeley for the last couple of weeks of rehearsals, Taccone says. Though Edgar now lives in Birmingham, England, he and Taccone have a long history of collaboration, going back to the times they worked together at the Eureka Theatre on "The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs" and other projects.

"Having David here will enable us to go a little further with "Pentecost." There are some little things text-wise that I'll be working on with him. We'll be able to torque and twist and make at least some minor improvements in the play," Taccone says.

Count on the "final" script being imaginative and ambitious. Tony Taccone wouldn't have it any other way.

Trinity Chamber Concert

Sept. 27 8 p.m.; Elise Christianson, violin with Peter Longworth, piano, performing Mozart, Brahms and Saint-Seans Fantasy with harpist Lynn Michel; 2320 Dana St., Berkeley; 549-3864; $10 suggested donation.

Scholar

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some director's topical designs, usually with the idea that only by adaptation can the plays be made palatable to modern audiences. I don't mind changed settings, if appropriate; and I can accept slight variations of obsolete words to make sense; but I feel outrage when the language is mutilated, as if Shakespeare's words cannot be trusted, so they must be cut or disguised in modern idioms."

Bearing this statement in mind, it is easy to see how upset Rosenberg could be with the practice, beginning in the 18th century, of "refining" Shakespeare's plays to make them more acceptable to contemporary audiences.

Nominated by Rosenberg as the "villain-in-chief"for his ravaging of Shakespeare, David Garrick, one of the most important actors of the English stage, not only cut whole speeches and scenes, he also replaced Shakespeare's text in part with his own much inferior words.

Rosenberg leaves no stone unturned in his search for the profound depths to be reached in almost any of the Bard's plays. His discussions cover line readings, gestures, costume and set elements. In an as yet unpublished essay called "Visualizing Complex Character," Rosenberg describes his attempts to plot the character qualities in Shakespeare's characters.

"In Hamlet's compressed life, his polyphony is a continuously shifting dynamic. His emotions and thoughts are never still. . .I sought a way to image graphically the multiplicity and mobility of the character qualities Shakespeare gave Hamlet and other complex characters."

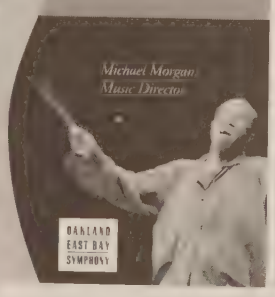
Borrowing from personality inventories used by psychologists, Rosenberg devised several written forms for the actors, and later the audience, to fill. Consisting of pairs of adj and their opposites, such "impulsive/controlled" or "stable/unstable," the actor audience, using these cha asked to describe the char personalities. The author "I found it hard to find an adjective that did not fit Ha so encyclopedic is his char ter."

Encyclopedic could also used to describe Rosenberg scholarship. The breadth o interests is immense. But especially delights the re the illuminating examples Rosenberg gives, along wi informal and personal styl writing. The 365-page h version, published last July, includes several illustration Mary Rosenberg. Despite so minor typos, a few misplace footnote numbers, and an impressive pricetag of $52 this book is a must-read f actors, directors, scholars an critics.

It is also highly recom mended for members of theater-going general public

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Shutouts: St. Mary's wins, Berkeley loses

Panthers still angry about loss 2 weeks ago

By John Gardella

Memo to the Albany High football team: Your opponent this Saturday, St. Mary's, is one angry club, a very angry team despite winning easily last week. The Panthers are still mad because of a season-opening loss against Riordon two weeks ago, which wiped out any hopes of an undefeated season.

ACCAL Football

St. Mary's 42
Alameda 0

The St. Mary's High football team wasn't pleased with its own Vatican-motivated performance against Riordan. The Panthers mangled just one score, botched the PAT and lost, 14-6.

If the team was upset, imagine the fury brewing within long-time coach Dan Shaughnessy.

But things changed quickly last weekend when the Panthers played host at home and Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League opener against island fodder Alameda High, the Comets team which won its first game and looked pretty good doing it. But the Panthers pounced, bounced and pounced some more, shutting Alameda (1-1), 42-0.

Even that score doesn't do justice to how dominant the Panthers were on both sides of the field. After the Riordan debacle, SM fans Saturday saw its team, considered one of the best in the area, play as if it was one of the top teams.

"We didn't play particularly well in the third quarter," said Shaughnessy, whose team enjoyed

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Jeff Landquist

Ariel Herzog pulls in a pass good for 10 yards against Logan last Friday.'

Logan dims the lights in Jackets' night game

By Jelani Harper

It was supposed to be such a big day for Berkeley High football.

This past Friday was the very first night game in the school's history, with the debut of its newly installed lights. It was Berkeley's first home game of the year, and it was being broadcast live on Bay TV as part of its Friday Night Football series.

Logan 14
Berkeley 0

The opponent was none other than top-ranked James Logan. Logan was rumored to be traveling with no less than a 300-person entourage consisting of band members, cheerleaders and a flag team; on Thursday Berkeley's superintendent was on the field personally installing an extra set of bleachers to accommodate Logan's fans.

Both teams were coming off losses from the previous week. While Berkeley had fallen to San Francisco's Galileo, Logan was narrowly beaten by Skyline. Both teams were hungry, and were eagerly anticipating their first win of the season.

Unfortunately, Logan had the upper hand this day as it soundly defeated the Yellowjackets, 14-0. Logan won largely on the strength of its superior running game, while Berkeley never did manage to get things organized on offense.

The crucial play of the game occurred within five minutes of half time. Neither team had scored and it was still anyone's game when

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Injuries plague AHS' Freeman

By Jelani Harper

It's difficult to win a football game when your players keep getting injured.

Just ask Albany High football coach Anthony Freeman. Last Friday, Freeman lost three key starters to injuries en route to losing a 34-0 non-conference decision to Piedmont.

The first to go was star quarterback Billy Zeier. Midway through the first quarter Zeier suffered a bruised thigh which greatly limited his effectiveness, though he was able to finish the game. The week previously, Zeier threw two touchdown passes and scored on a 43-yard run in a loss to St. Patrick's of Benicia.

Linebacker Matt Hildenbrand went down next toward the end of the second quarter. Freeman said, "When Matt went out that really threw us off because then we didn't have a lineman to replace him. Then all my linemen had to play both ways. So we got tired and worn down and it was really a tough game from there."

Things got worse when another linebacker hurt his hand in the second half, and it didn't help matters that still another linebacker was a no-show.

"It was kind of tough having so many guys get hurt," remarked Freeman, "we don't have that many players anyway."

Piedmont 34
Albany 0

No, Albany doesn't. Whereas most schools have enough players to field both a varsity and junior varsity team, Albany has enough players for only one team. They have 23 players to be exact, a number which doesn't necessarily help when it plays larger schools.

Teams such as St. Mary's, which Albany faces Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Berkeley. "It's going to be a tough game," admits Freeman. "I just hope my guys recover so we can play competitive against them. We're just going to get ready for our next game and keep moving on. Hopefully the guys can come back and play better, and we'll pull together as a team."

It was the Parham & Swann Gaucho show in Alameda



Kathi Baker

The lighting was so poor in Alameda's 1st night game Friday that it was difficult to see EC RB Marcus Parham.

EC sees well under isles' lights

By Bill Kruissink

ALAMEDA — Playing the first night football game in island history last Friday, Encinal fell behind early, then saw El Cerrito's lead grow to 35-0 before breaking through for six points in the fourth period.

Gauchos running backs Marcus Parham and Hartzell Swann combined for 189 yards rushing, while quarterback Issac Phelps completed seven passes for 119 yards and rushed for two touchdowns.

It all added up to a 35-6 loss for the jets.

"I was impressed by the way we were coming off the ball in the first quarter," EC coach Frank Milo said. "We established the line of scrimmage offensively."

"We really weren't executing as we're supposed to," Encinal linebacker and running back Kevin Tomas said. "We gave up too many yards and they just ran it down our throats. They were strong, but we weren't in the game tonight."

El Cerrito 35
Encinal 6

Both teams were coming off big wins the previous weekend. Encinal shut out Balboa, while EC whipped Castlemont, 63-0. But the momentum was all one way on Friday night.

Alternate runs by Parham and Swann and getting a timely completion to tight end Elias Miles, the Gauchos confidently moved the ball 78 yards on 11 plays on the opening drive of the game. The clincher came on a 15-yard run by Phelps, who crossed the goal line five minutes into the game.

"They did well; their backs hit the holes well," Encinal coach Jack Schram said.

Just 2-1/2 minutes later, the Gauchos were again on the move. A replay of their first drive, the Gauchos got big runs from Parham and Swann and a big first down completion to Miles. It took them 4-1/2 minutes and 10 plays to march 89 yards.

And, as before, Phelps took the ball across for six points. Avoiding Encinal tacklers as he crisscrossed the field, Phelps scored just seconds into the second half. After the TD, he managed to elude tacklers long enough to find Miles in the end zone for two points and a 14-0 lead.

"When we got the quarterback in trouble, we just couldn't contain him," Schram said. "We hit him then he ran 40 years to the left and 50 yards to the right. One time he scored on a play and he should have been sacked. We just didn't finish off."

EC linebacker Ronnie Cooper recovered an Encinal fumble at the Jets 29 with 6:29 to go in the second quarter. Five plays and 1:54 minutes later, Parham went across from the one to give the Gauchos a 21-0 lead.

Also in that second quarter, Gauchos defensive lineman Clark Chu

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s 'fine' enough for Panther's harriers?

By John Gardella

You'll have to excuse the St. y's High cross-country coach if oesn't sound ecstatic about his 's performance after its first meets.

ot that the team performed — a fourth- and a sixth-place finish isn't bad at all, considering you compete against 20 or 30 other schools. But Francis Mason has built a powerhouse over in Berkeley, one that won the North Coast Section last season; so his measuring stick for success just might be a tad higher

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Is Shaw enough against USC?

Cal wide receiver has 22 catches in 2 games

By John Gardella

How does Cal wide receiver Bobby Shaw beat you? Houston and Oklahoma are still counting the ways.

Shaw's statistics heading into Cal's showdown Saturday with USC at Memorial Stadium are simply Jerry Rice-like (22 catches for 362 yards and four touchdowns). But while the secondaries Shaw faced in the first two games were average at best, the Trojans boast one of the most pass-proof defensive backfields in college football.

"Bobby is a guy that's a big part of our offense," said first-year coach Tom Holmoe after his team escaped Strawberry Canyon with a 40-36 win over the Sooners Saturday, thanks to another red-cape-and-big-"S"-on-his-chest game by Shaw. "I know USC has four very good players in its secondary. They're going to be a tremendous challenge for Bobby and us."

But don't think Shaw, who needs just a couple more performances on par with his first two to warrant Heisman consideration, fears USC. After dismantling the Sooners, the man who was supposed to be too slow to play Pac-10 football (4.63 in the 40-yard dash), said he wasn't planning to alter his game against Daylon McClutcheon & Co.

"I'll never let any team dictate what I do on the field," said Shaw. "(USC's secondary) is great. It's one of the best in the country. But I have to go out and prove what I can do."

In Cal's season-opening win over Houston, Shaw abused its secondary for 11 receptions, 249 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns. But the San Francisco native's dissection of Oklahoma's defensive backfield two weeks later was as inspiring and varied as the city where he was born.

For his sublime performance, Shaw received Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second time in three weeks.

Last Saturday against the Sooners, Shaw proved his opening-week performance was no fluke. With Cal trailing, 7-0, quarterback Justin Vedder lofted a 16-yard pass that Shaw hauled in over his shoulder for the team's first score. The Bears headed into halftime with a 26-13 lead. At that point Shaw already had six catches for 106 yards.



WR Bobby Shaw



Bobby Shaw was the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week for the 2nd time last week.

But in the second stanza Shaw showcased all of his talents and almost single-handedly pulled his team out of a spiral that saw it blow a three-TD lead. After a quiet early third quarter, the senior warmed up by taking a handoff from Tarik Smith on a reverse and streaking 16 yards for a first down. After the Sooners tied the game at 34 and the Bears appeared in jeopardy of self-destructing, Shaw simply took over.

'Bobby's a special player. He makes special plays. You just give him the ball and he's going to make that 1st guy miss.'

— JUSTIN VEDDER, CAL QB

In the winning drive, Cal marched 49 yards in seven plays and culminated the drive when Vedder found Shaw in the left corner on third-and-goal for a 15-yard score with just 2:37 left. Shaw had kept the drive alive when he spun and pushed for a 12-yard gain on third-and-6. In Cal's last two series, the senior had catches of 16, 12, and 15 yards.

"Bobby's a special player," said Vedder. "He makes special plays. You just give him the ball and he's going to make that first guy miss. He's been doing that for a while."

In 18 collegiate starts, Shaw has scored 21 TDs. He currently leads the nation in receptions and receiving yards per game. His 100-yard day Saturday tied him with Wesley Walker atop the Cal charts with eight career 100-yard games. He is just 40 catches away from Brian Treggs all-time Cal mark of 167.

"I just go out and let it come to me," Shaw said. "Whatever the coaches call I just go out and try to make plays for the team. Whether it's one or 11 catches, if it's a victory, I'll take it."

So will Cal.

Cal CAL DIGEST

No. 1 water polo team 3rd in L.A.

The No. 1 ranked Cal men's water polo team (5-1) placed third in the Southern California Invitational last week in Los Angeles. The Bears defeated UC Santa Barbara, 9-2, and UC Davis, 18-3, on Saturday. In the semifinal match on Sunday, Cal fell to No. 4 Pepperdine, 8-6. The Bears then rebounded to defeat No. 6 UC Irvine, 12-7.

Cal was led by senior two-meter man Brent Albright, who scored 10 points during the tournament, including two, two-point goals. Albright was named first team all-tournament, while senior driver Peter Stern earned second team all-tourney honors.

The Bears will next host No. 2 USC Saturday, at 10 a.m. at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. The Bears will be hosting all of their home water polo matches at DVC this season due to the construction of Haas Pavilion.

Men's soccer suffers 1st loss

The No. 9 (Soccer America) Cal men's soccer team fell to the No. 21 (Soccer News) Portland Pilots, 4-1, Sunday in Oregon. It was the Bears first loss of the season and the first time an opponent has scored off Cal keeper Doug Brooks.

Cal prevented a possible shutout when senior forward Adam Hunter got the Bears on the scoreboard late in the second half. He tagged his second goal of the season in the 61st minute off a throw-in by senior midfielder Jason Young to close the gap to, 3-1.

But Portland's Chris Brown came back to score his ... goal of the game to give Pilots the win.

Up next, the Bears ... Sacramento State, Sun... p.m. on Witter Field.

Women lose to No. 4 Santa Clara

The Cal women's ... team was defeated by fo... ranked Santa Clara, 2-1, Sunday in Berkeley. T... broke the Golden Bears ... game winning streak ... dropped Cal's overall re... to 3-3-1.

Cal got the scoring start... only three minutes into ... match when Gretch... Vanderlip found Kim Be... for the game's opening g... The early goal had Cal seem... an upset but it wouldn't ... enough as Santa Clara ... tally a goal at the end of h... the first and second halves ... stave off the Bears.

Up next, the Bears travel ... Texas for a pair of neutral ... matches. Friday, Cal will tak... on the defending nation... champions, North Carolina ... Houston. Then, on Sunday, the Bears will meet Massachuse... in Dallas.

Field hockey team shut out

The Cal field hockey team ... dropped a close contest ... Syracuse, 2-0, last ... Kleeberger Field. The Bears were without leading scorer Sara Baron, who missed the game due to a pulled mus... Cal (2-4) was shut out for the first time this season by unde... feated Syracuse (6-0).

non-conference match Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Panthers

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a 25-0 lead at the half. "But I think we did a pretty good job."

Considering the game was over early in the second quarter, we'd have to agree with the man they call Shag.

The Panthers (1-1) started early when Devin Poche-West scored the first of his two running touchdowns from nine yards out. One of the best defenses in the Bay Area was responsible for the Panthers' second first-quarter score when lineman Pat Hodgson recovered a fumble in the end zone. Tony Barbero was good on both PATs and the Panthers led, 14-0.

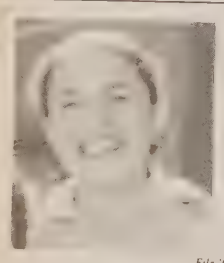
Things then just got worse for Alameda.

In the second quarter Jerriod Mack intercepted a pass on the Panthers' one-yard line and didn't stop running until he crossed the plane of the end zone 99 yards later. Poche-West and Luke Idzkowski scored two running TDs in the quarter and the game was over early. Idzkowski scored the game's last touchdown in the fourth.

Albany was busy working on a shutout, but it was on the losing end as Piedmont beat the Cougars (0-2), 34-0.

"What happened last week doesn't matter," said Shaughnessy. "We have to line up against whatever team is in front of us. We just have to play out the ball game."

Translation: Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game against the Cougars in Albany should result in a very lopsided score.



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Meyer's debut

Albany's Megan Meyer's made her collegiate debut earlier in the month.

Megan Meyer, a star on Albany High's great volleyball teams the last few years, made her collegiate debut recently as her Carlton College (Northfield, Minn.) team lost, 3-1 to Concordia.

Meyer, a freshman, had 13 kills and four aces against the Comets of St. Paul, Minn.

In the Augsburg Tournament which followed, Meyer had six kills as the Carls lost to host Augsburg College, 3-0.

In the next tourney match, Meyer tallied four kills in another shutout loss against rival St. Ben's. In the final match of the tournament, Meyer registered a season-high 16 kills as the Carls extended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to five games in yet another loss.

Jackets

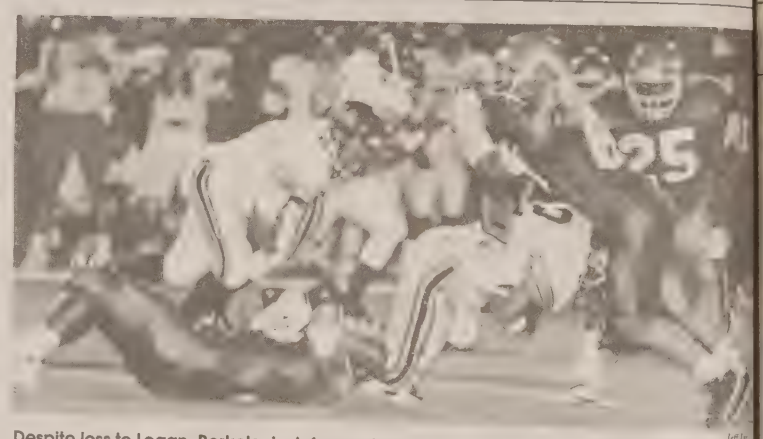
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Logan running back Curtis Adkins was injured on a play with the ball on Berkeley's 20 yard line. Adkins had to leave the game on a stretcher, but a five-yard run from John Nord and a 12- yard pass to Damian Mackey put Logan on Berkeley's three and in scoring position.

But the Jackets defense dug in and forced Logan to fumble. The offense couldn't do anything with the ball, however, and in four straight downs Berkeley was forced to punt. Mackey ran the ball all the way back to Berkeley's five-yard line on the punt return, and two plays later Logan quarterback Roy Williams snuck into the end zone.

Then, with 2:38 left in the fourth quarter Mackey took control with a couple of key plays down the stretch. It was second-and- 13 with the ball on the Jackets 20 when Mackey came up big with a 15-yard run. A few plays later he would score from two yards out to seal Berkeley's fate.

"We knew they were going to run the ball in the fourth quarter," remarked Berkeley defensive coordinator Gary Weaver. "I told the cornerbacks to play man (defense) and everybody else to watch for the run. We just have to be more patient and not make silly penalties, and just play the scheme of the defense."



Jeff Li...

Despite loss to Logan, Berkeley's defense played well, here stopping QB Roy Williams.

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Obituaries

ARNOLD GROTH

December 4, 1916 - September 5, 1997. Arnie Groth, a salesman for United Airlines for 29 years, died September 5, 1997, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. He was 80.

The native of Lyons, Iowa, lived in Albany for many years before moving to Danville eight months ago to live with his daughter. He was well known in the area, riding his electric scooter daily with his loyal companion, his dog, "Butch".

He served in the Navy during World War II. He was past president of Delta Nu Alpha, regional vice president of the Golden State Homeowners Association and instructor at Golden Gate University. He was also a member of the American Legion in Albany. He was a former semipro baseball player.

He is survived by his daughters, Pam Callahan of Danville, Barbara Mitzelfelt of Edgewood, NM, Karen Ford of Littleton, CO, Toni Alexander of Vancouver, BC, and son, Kip Andrews of City Island, NY, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His wife, Merle Groth died in 1991.

He will be missed by all who knew him, but especially his family, who loved him dearly.

Services were held. Burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetary, Lafayette. Arrangements by Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel.

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Cut out and save

Harriers

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...han other coaches.

"After two meets, I'd say we ...e doing OK," said Mason. "We ...eturn everyone from the section ...hampion team. We should be ...ine."

Mason's top runner is Mike ...rp, who as a senior figures to be ...ne of the top runners in the area. ...t the Monte Vista Invitational, in ...hich the boys placed fourth out ...f 20 teams, Arp finished 10th in ...field of 160 with a time of 10:55. ...t the Ukiah Invitational, one of ...e more prestigious meets in the ...ea, the senior again placed 10th ...out of 210 runners) with a time of ...7:55 in the 3.1-mile race.

"Mike is always our top run...er," said Mason.

But Arp isn't the only weapon ...n Mason's arsenal. His team is ...aded. On any given day, Justin ...ite, Ryan Torres, Ben Maniatis, ...n Tapp, Miguel Diaz, or Joey Manente can lead the way for SM, which is currently ranked eighth in its section.

On the girls side, Mason is patiently working on a five-year plan he hopes will get the girls to the level of the Panthers boys. In its second year, the girls team is struggling to attract runners, Mason said.

"We have 14 girls, which is a good start," the coach said. "But this is not track. You have to get girls who are willing to run 30-35 miles a week. We'll struggle for a while, but we have some very athletic girls."

> **'After two meets, I'd say we are doing OK. We return everyone from the section champion team. We should be fine.'**
>
> *— FRANCIS MASON, ST. MARY'S CROSS COUNTRY COACH*

The Lady Panthers are led by junior Ellen O'Dey and senior Brittany Ballard; both finished in the middle of the pack at Monte Vista; although the team placed near the bottom. In a meet featuring Alameda- Contra Costa Athletic League rivals Alameda and Piedmont, as well as Bishop O'Dowd and Skyline, O'Dey finished fourth out of 30 runners.

"Ellen went to running camp this summer and is very serious about the sport," said Mason. "Last year she was an all-league selection. I think she has made a great improvement.

SM competes this weekend at the Stanford Invitational.



Kathy Baker

Despite the poor lighting, EC's Elias Miles caught 3 of Issac Phelps' passes vs. Encinal.

EC

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recovered an Encinal fumble with 3:43 remaining in the half. EC marched down the field on a long drive which resulted in no points, but the Guachos left the Jets with only seconds remaining in the half.

"Everything clicked," Milo said. "Phelps makes things happen, but the key was our offensive line got off. We tried to stress that all week." What followed was more of the same, but with some interceptions and fumbles sweetening the pot for EC.

> **'We gave up too many yards and they just ran it down our throats. They were strong, but we weren't in the game tonight.'**
>
> *— ENCINAL'S KEVIN TOMAS*

One fumble set up the Gauchos' third TD, then Terrell Roberts returned an interception 33 yards for a 28-0 lead late in the first half.

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Students at CPS have written books, lectured and have been invited to White House conferences. They work tirelessly in such critical areas as substance abuse, gerontology, child abuse, the homeless and the mentally ill. All this is accomplished in addition to helping people through their own therapy practices. Dr. Alafi is proud of the collective expertise of the faculty at CPS. Most of them maintain their own private practices and have considerable experience teaching in other graduate programs.

The learning environment at CPS is the real draw here. "Our students have told us they appreciate the Center's flexibility and informal, yet rigorous approach to learning," says Dr. Alafi. "They like our emphasis on support rather than competition in their progress toward earning an advanced degree."

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Anticipating College Expenses

Some costs associated with college are obvious – tuition, books and supplies, and room and board if you're expecting to live on campus. Other costs often take students by surprise: student activity fees, parking fees and student health insurance, to name a few. All these "surprise" costs can add up to a pretty penny in the long run, but if you anticipate what you're going to need, you can get ahead of the game by checking out the numerous financial aid options available to high school seniors.

Financial Aid Options

Most people are aware of financial aid packages offered directly from your college of choice, but there are often many other, often untapped, resources. One is gift aid, such as scholarships that do not have to be paid back. You may not realize that there are more than 4,000 scholarships available to students. Many are based on special interests, like music, sports or agriculture. Others are based solely on academic standings. One unique scholarship program considers not only academics, but your athletic activities and involvement in the community – the AAU/Milky Way High School All-American Scholarship Program. This program will award 116 scholarships this year ranging from $1,000 to $20,000.

Other forms of financial aid include student loans, such as Stafford loans, which are based on need and are gradually repaid after graduation. There are also supplemental loans for students, which are not based on need, though they also require repayment in the years following graduation. Another need-based option is college work study, which allows students to hold federally funded part-time jobs to help pay for school.

A visit to your guidance counselor will help determine what kind of financial aid is best for you. They have databases detailing the wide range of scholarships, grants and loans available.

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BACK IN SCHOOL

Managing your child's education: an ounce of prevention is worth a lifetime of gain

Even with the educational reforms that are being touted today, classrooms continue to be over crowded, resources continue to be limited and teachers continue to be over worked. With this situation, parents more than ever, need to be the primary identifier of, and advocate for, their child's learning needs.

Over the last decade, school systems have experienced a dramatic increase in the identification and classification of learning disabled students. As a result, implementation of special educational supports is a long process for everyone.

What can you as a parent do?

(1) Be an active participant in your child's education. Attend parent-teacher conferences regularly and stay in contact with the school. Research indicates that children who have involved parents do better academically. Studies also show that teachers are more likely to focus on children who's parents take an active role.

(2) Pay attention to your child's learning needs. Often problems with memorization, completing tasks, paying attention and following directions, surface well before a child enters school. Sometimes, these are simply a sign of immaturity, but they can also indicate deeper learning concerns.

(3) Do not be afraid to seek outside help. The sooner the better. Because of the special education referral process, children with learning difficulties are frequently not referred for an evaluation until they are well into their elementary school years. Early identification and intervention are key in fostering academic potential and self-esteem, and in circumventing more serious educational problems.

(4) Be a savvy consumer when looking for educational support services. There are companies that specialize in providing remedial support. Look for individuals and firms that hold proper credentials. In general, the educational consulting field is unregulated. Anyone can advertise as a tutor and it is the parent's responsibility to screen potential service providers. Request references, ask for publication reprints and literature about the teaching philosophy of the consultant you are considering. In our view, educational consultants should have a minimum of a master's degree in education or a related field, and five years of experience.

It is important that children feel successful in school. Learning is a highly individualized process but success for everyone comes in small steps that build on one another. The primary goal of education is to prepare your child to enter adult life with skills that will allow him or her to function effectively, independently and with confidence. How you, the parents, manage the learning process is key in helping your child reach this goal.

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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

CHEVROLET Corsica 1990. Runs great, new brakes, must sell, $2,400 or best offer. 522-0343

CHEVROLET Celebrity, Eurosport, 1986, fully loaded, runs great, smogged, $2500 or best offer, (510)691-6656

IRS TAX DEDUCTIONS
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
HELP THE KIDS!!!
DONATE YOUR CAR, BOAT, VAN OR RV.
to help homeless children and their families year round. You can make a Difference!
1-800-414-4285

KEEP It Local! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters/ Police Activities League, since 1983 Tax deductible. We'll pick up and do paperwork. Call 720-4956

MAZDA 1990 Miata. 75K. Red, loaded, 5 speed, excellent condition. $7400. 510-526-4597.

MERCEDES, 280 SE 4.5, 1972 Classic. Low miles (only 100K) Superb condition. 8 cylinder, automatic. Run/ drive excellent. White with blue interior. Must see! Moving, must sell now! $4800/ best offer. Joe 525-1026

TOYOTA Supra 1983. Mint condition. $3000 or best offer. Call 339-6206

TOYOTA 1990 4-Runner, SR5 V6, 5-speed, 90K original miles, fully loaded, Excellent condition, 769-6991

VOLKSWAGON Golf GTI, 14K miles, white, 5 speed, A/C, sunroof, ABS, Air bag, dayrunning lights, Mobil One, all records. $16K or best offer 510-204-9321.

VOLVO 1986 760 Turbo, 4 door sedan, 187K miles, loaded, silver exterior, black leather interior, alloy wheels, upgraded stereo system, sunroof, won't last! $3200 465-5766.

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclarion office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS starting September and October in Walnut Creek and Berkeley. Learn about the "I Need You"... "Leave Me Alone" relationship, and share support with your peers. Claudia Gerst, MFCC. (510)256-0930.

PARTICIPANTS needed, 45 to 55 years old, who are either experiencing menopausal symptoms, or are postmenopausal, to participate in a confidential interview on the experience of menopause for a doctoral dissertation. For further information, please call: Judy Margulis, M.S., M.F.C.C. (510)548-3367.

Help Your Local School!
Make Money!

Rent a spot at the second annual Harding PTA
MEGA FLEA MARKET
Saturday, October 4
Harding School Playground
El Cerrito

Only $10 for your spot, and you keep all your proceeds. Hundreds of shoppers will be coming to El Cerrito that day for the citywide garage sale. Join the fun and find great bargains! Enjoy our delicious barbecue.

The $10 fee benefits the Harding School PTA Fund. To reserve your spot, call Diana 527-5833; Nancy 526-9447; or Peter 215-5114. OR you can mail your name, address, and phone with a check made out to "Harding School PTA" to: PTA Mega Flea Market, 7230 Fairmont Ave., El Cerrito, 94530. Mail entries by September 26!

205 Workshops & Classes

CHILDRENS THEATRE WORKSHOP (free) In Rockridge, Saturday mornings. Call Rock Rose Theatre 654-3236 for information.

206 Found

BLACK lab mix, young male, great with kids, fetches/ plays, some training, terrific sweetie 523-3023

OLDER Male Shepherd Rottweiler mix? Neutered, extra friendly. Found about August 15th, Fair/ Carson 531-4786

GERMAN Shepherd; Male, not neutered. Found Thornhill/ Mountain. 339-2041

DOG young male, fawn, Pitbull/Bulldog mix? Near Piedmont Ave. 9/15. Very sweet. 654-6788

CAT Lake Merrit Area, beautiful long hair. Buff, black, white. Lavender and white collar 451-4458

FOUND male chocolate lab retriever. Near Mills College on September 19th 632-4499

GREEN bird, Rockridge area, September 21. call to describe 658-1979

DOG, beige lab mix, young female, collar no tags Sequoia Oak Knoll Area. 9/21. 430-9224

LAB Mix, black, male. Willard Park, Berkeley, September 20th 843-3391

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204.

ALL wood climbing structure for children. Includes built-in picnic table and canape. Excellent condition. 655-0582

LUCY- 4½ months, gray/ cream Tortie. Playful, affectionate. Good with other cats. Donation, PURRS. 444-3204

TESSA/ Emma, two rescued cats. Tested, spayed, shots, waiting for a good home. Donation 632-4631.

TWO Tabby's, 1 Black/ white kittens, September; 1 white cat, August. Oakland Avenue. 655-4456.

KITTENS (2). White/ Gray. 10 weeks. Tested. Shots. Donation. Call Sue 654-2660

SWEET Dalmatian, 7 years old, needs loving home. 841-2069. A wonderful dog!

CAT, Female, well-behaved/ socialized. 6 years old, long-hair Siamese type for stable good household. 644-9473

208 Lost

GRAY/ black striped cat, bushy tail, with collar. August 4th near Hamilton/ Harrison Street 836-3118

AMETHYST ring, Piedmont Swim Club. 3 purple stones, gold setting. Very sentimental. Call Diane 653-7019

LOST red male miniature Pincher dog. Missing August 27th. Needs medical attention. Reward. 832-3932

CAT, small light orange, male, neutered, no collar, indoor. September 13, Valleyview Road. Montclair. 415-506-5775.

BLONDE Pit Bull (Strafford Shire Terrier) White belly, friendly"Styles" Lost Grand Lake/ Piedmont 465-6148

DOG, male neutered Pitbull (Strafford Shire Terrier) Blond, short hair with white belly. "Styles" Lost 9/15 Grand/ Lake, Piedmont. 465-6148.

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2.9 -5 years Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141 State Licensed Institution

304 Musical Instruction

GUITAR, Bass, Drum Lessons Rockridge 17 years experience. 1st Lesson Free! Len's Lesson Studio, 601-1579

PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/ levels. Adults a specialty. Very experienced Linda 655-0664

TRUMPET Lessons, all ages and levels. Classical, jazz, pop, music theory. 20 years experience 530-4053

PIANO Lessons. Professional Pianist with degree in education. Lessons for children all levels 510-864-0787.

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More experienced, Patient, All Ages. First Lesson Free Ariel 865-3943

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Commercial Investment Firm in Oakland has full-time available for highly organized and systems oriented person. Candidate must possess skill in MS Word and Excel with minimum of 2 years administrative/ clerical background. Database and bookkeeping experience a plus. Fax resume with cover letter to: (510)839-9630 or (510)831-9640

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. rapidly growing Berkeley firm seeks bright, capable, energetic, detail-oriented person for phones, data entry, filing, correspondence, in fast-paced environment. Accuracy a must! Fax cover letter and resume 486-1255 and enjoy coming to work!

ALAMEDA Boy's and Girl's Club needs Education Program Coordinator Part-time position. Coordinator's duties: Run the after school homework and tutoring program for 7 to 14 years old; develop other educational enhancement programs that are stimulating and age appropriate; will be accountable for the results in achieving the goals and objectives of the education program. Computer skills strongly recommended. Deadline for application is September 30, 1997. Position pays $10- $12 hour for 15 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Send resume to: Robert Glotch, Executive Director, Alameda Boy's and Girl's Club, P.O. Box 1069, Alameda, CA 94501

APARTMENT Manager for sixteen units on Alcatraz Avenue between Telegraph an Shattuck (4 newer fourplexes, gated grounds and parking, beautifully landscaped, mostly UC Berkeley students). Reduced rent for 3 bedroom apartment, plus bonus for summer rent up, no rent collection. Maintenance skills not necessary. Fax resume to 601-1917 or mail to P.O. Box 11053, Oakland, CA 94611 or call 464-5978

ASSISTANT- skills needed include; peopeoriented, computer, organized. Part-time, start date flexible. Salary DOE. Voice-mail 835-6097

ATTENDANT- I'm looking for that 1 particular person to fill-in 1 weekend (morning/ evenings) per month. Scattered other fill-ins for other attendants. Must be personable with appropriate skills. Pay according to experience. Car necessary. Dimond District. Call 12- 4. 530-4516

ATTENTION FUNDRAISERS!
Earn up to $20/ hour! Raise $$$$ for a wide variety of non-profits, including environmental, PBS, and performing arts organizations. Flexible hours available, near Berkeley BART. Experience preferred. 510-540-5792 ext. 207

BAKERY- Organic bread. Hiring: Drivers, Baker, Farmers Market Vendors. Experience helpful. Fax resume or call 845-3186; Or stop by Tuesday or Fridays: 2810 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley

MEDICAL/ Optometric practice in Berkeley seeks skilled, friendly receptionists for busy optical dispensary. Start at $10/ hour, excellent benefits and growth potential. Health care office experience and related computer skills required. Fax resume to Tamara 510-548-4686

NURSING
RNs
"Challenge Your Skills"

Subacute experienced nurse needed for Berkeley Long-Term Care Float Pool. RN with at least one year of recent clinical medical/ surgical experience or subacute care experience with ventilator background preferred

Great opportunities for advancement and continuing education. Excellent working environment. Application available at

Berkeley Long-Term Care Facilities
C/O Alta Bates Medical Center
Medical Subacute Unit/ 4NW
2450 Ashby Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94705
(510)204-1317
EOE

OAKLAND private school, is looking to staff our extended care department. If you fit the profile: high energy level, very imaginative, organized and flexible, work well with children, ages 5- 13, Call 534-0600, ask for Toni.

OFFICE Assistant 20-30 hours per week. Maintanin data base, filing, customer service calls, mail brochures. Oakland. 534-0274, Ask for Gordon

OFFICE Assistant. Small busy realtor, Grand Lake. 16- 20 flexible hours weekly. Re-entry okay. Will train. Computer helpful. $10- $12/ hour. Art, [illegible]

OFFICE Assistant, full-time, Saturdays and some evenings, multi-tasking and detail oriented, heavy phones, scheduling, light computers, file maintenance. Friendly, mature, flexible, busy Optometry practice. Fax resume to: 522-0815.

OFFICE Assistant for growing import company in Rockridge. Multiple task include order faxing, light shipping, data entry, and general office duties. Professional phone manner and computer experience essential. An appreciation for specialty food and Italian language skills helpful but not required. Relaxed, fun working environment, benefits after six months. Full-time with flexible hours. Wages based upon experience. Mail or fax resume to Manicareth, 5332 College Avenue #200, Oakland, 94618, 510-655-2034

OFFICE MANAGER
Database, information and various website management responsibilities. Organizational skills critical. Windows95 knowledge required. Pleasant phone demeanor 20- 30 hours/ week. Flexible days. Ideal location in Montclair Village. Prefer at least 3 years database entry experience. Fax resume to: 339-4195 or Call: 339-4191

OFFICE person, 20 hours/ week. Phones, appointments, light computerized bookkeeping. wooden window company. Fax resume to 510-444-4550

OFFICE/ Phone, Order Taking, Type, Figures- "Much Diversification"/ $25K. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland. 893-9612.

401 Help Wanted

OPTICIAN for busy Oakland office, experience required, licensed preferred. Fax resume: 510-451-7821 or call 510-451-4225

OPTICIAN for busy Oakland office, experience required, licensed preferred. Fax resume 510-451-7821 or call 510-451-4225

PART-TIME ASSISTANT/ STOCKING CLERK needed for busy East Bay R.E. office. 20 hours/ week Monday- Friday from 11:30 to 3:30. $8/ hour. Reply to Lynne 510-527-3387 Ext. 130 or Fax resume to Lynne at 510-527-8345

PART-TIME project management. Catalog production. Database management. MAC knowledge. Flexible hours. $7/ $10 hour. 444-5662

PAYROLL/ CUSTOMER SERVICE
Payroll/ Accounting experience with PC knowledge to provide client support. Excel. Benefits. Resume: Data Plus, 2200 Powell St., #350, Emeryville, CA 94608; Fax: 510-420-2078

CLASSIFIEDS
339-8777

401 Help Wanted

PIECEWORK Assembler- growing company. Pleasant work place. 20- 25 hour. Good hand assembly skills required. Growth possibility with other duties. 841-8

PLUMBERS
SERVICE AND REPAIR

Are you experienced plumber looking for a change? Are you a professional who is proud of? Can you work effectively? Do you want to work with a great team of other talented people? Want great pay and benefits? We are looking for Plumbing/ Heating Service Repairmen. If your answers are yes- then we want you! A permanent position we provide you with a truck, the tools and the back up you need to do your best work. Please provide a valid CA DMV record and verifiable references. 510-528-4292

PRODUCTION Picture Mounting Company needs general shop help. $7/ hour to start. Full medical, dental and vacation pay. Basic knowledge of power tool experience helpful. Fax resume for application information to (510) 465-6000

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Permanent position for Communications Vice-President. Professional, positive attitude a must. Duties include: Scheduling appointments, travel planning, proofreading and creating documents, and events planning. Communication/phone skills, must juggle and prioritize multiple projects. MS Word, Excel, Desktop publishing a plus.

CAREER ALLIANCE
1300 Clay Street #350
Oakland, CA 94612
510-238-0909 FAX 238-1670

STARLAND
MUSIC CENTER

Employment Opportunity:

Sales/Customer Service
WANTED: PEOPLE WITH PASSION AND HEART

We Are Looking For People Who:
- ✔ Are eager and willing to learn
- ✔ Are musically inclined
- ✔ Want to bring fun and enthusiasm to our party
- ✔ Truly believe the customer always comes first
- ✔ Have a driving ambition to be the best

We Offer:
- ✔ A chance to make $7 - $14/hour (salary + commission)
- ✔ A great group of people to work with
- ✔ 20 - 31 hours weekly or full-time (some weekends)
- ✔ A competitive benefits package
- ✔ All the training you'll need to be successful with us

Starland Music Center in Alameda has openings for the position of Music Product Consultant/Customer Service. Only those interested in helping us make Starland famous for customer service need apply. If you want to learn more about retail for a future career or would like to grow with us, we should talk. Call Lesley or Reina at (510) 523-4797 on Monday - Friday between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. NON-SMOKING.

Garage & Estate Sales

Clip 'n go

The Berkeley Voice or The El Cerrito Journal Garage Sale regular deadline is Monday at 11 a.m. For more information call 339-8777.

ESTATE SALE
An elegant Lakeside apartment in the historic Bellevue/ Staten, a million dollar view home in the Oakland Hills, a titled British family resettled in Berkeley. This is the provenience of the many gorgeous pieces nested in our Alameda showroom. This early Autumn SOMETHING TO SELL ABOUT SALE is one of our finest! Antiques and fine furniture included: upholstered pieces; 1920's channel back sofa and matching arm chair, wing-back chairs, needle point benches and foot stools, Victorian Parlor sofa and chairs, French painted down filled chaise and caneback sofa. Dining room sets; antique English Walnut gateleg table and chairs, 1930's set complete with China and buffet, Cherrywood set and 1940's mahogany. Oriental furniture; carved and inlay Emperors chairs, sofa, tables, lacquer trunks, and dressing mirrors, Coromandel screen, 3 19th Century Japanese screens and Tansu. Armoires; French glass front with Marquetry, French solid walnut and magnificent 1930's 5 door wardrobe. Wrought iron and brass; European bed, French Baker's rack, love set, sofa table, ice cream table and patio sets. Secretaries; Painted Italian, Victorian walnut and glass front, 1860's mahogany, 1930's- 40's walnut. Sideboards; carved Austrian with Granite top, carved French oak cupboards, clawfoot walnut desks; Antique leather top, walnut side-by-side, oak roll-top. Primitive pine; Drysink, hutches and glass top cupboards, spool desk, twin beds and Hoosier cabinet. Art work; Luigi Kasimir, California and European oils, Calder, samplers, old maps, 18th Century miniatures, 14th Century Chinese ceramic busts, Lithos and prints. Clocks; German and English grandfather, Austrian, French and American wall and mantle. Hand tied area and room size carpets; Persian, Tribal and formal, 1930's Chinese, Antique all silk, Kilim and Karastans. Lamps; Slag glass, Art Deco floor, Hurricane, ruby glass, Alabaster and Oriental. Bedroom; Cane and carved walnut bed, lots of Antique dressers with mirrors, and cherrywood 4 poster set. Corner cupboards, hall trees, Victorian glass front bookcase and pier mirror, wall mirrors and beveled dressing mirror, French iron fireplace, game and drop leaf tables, tea carts, piano, stained glass windows, curved glass china cabinets, sterling and silverplate; tea sets, flatware, and serving pieces. China; Dresden, Limogras, Doulton, Nippon, Spode, Wedgewood, English and Bavarian Crystal; Steuben, Art Glass, and stemware. Jewelry; Estate diamonds, and gold and vintage costume. Leopard and polar bear skins plus like new; color TV's, VCR's, stereo, apartment stove, stacking and regular washer/ dryer plus tons, tons, tons. Saturday, Sunday, September 27- 28, 9:30- 4 p.m. **1628 Park Street, Alameda** (at Clement just across Park St. Bridge).

ALBANY- 950 Stannage Ave. beween Solano/ Marin. Saturday, 9- 2. Great stuff!

ALBANY- 1108 Curtis Saturday 9/27 9am- 5pm. Multi-Family Sale. Furniture, household and much more!

BERKELEY- Estate Sale Call/ location 849-2862 September 21st, 22nd, 27th, 9- 4. Household/ Artist.

EL CERRITO- 8637 Don Carol. Saturday, 9- 4. 30 years; household, linens, children's toys, furniture.

EL CERRITO- 1140 King Drive. Friday 9- 4, Saturday 9- 2. Estate! Living, dining, bedroom quality furniture. Washer/ dryer, speakers, electronics, camping, cameras, tools, books, much miscellaneous. No early birds

EL CERRITO- 7000 Stockton. Sunday 10 a.m. More than just a Garage Sale! Multi-household offerings, crafts, 20% off salon products.

EL CERRITO- Harding School Playground. Saturday, OCTOBER 4th, 9am- 3pm MEGA FLEA MARKET. Great bargains, Delicious BBQ

KENSINGTON- 696 Oberlin 15th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday 9am- 4pm. Furniture, luggage, silver plates, original art, much more!

MONTCLAIR- 6222 Estates. Sunday, 10- 4 Multi-families. Household, furniture, clothes, toys and more. No previews

OAKLAND- 6861 Wilton Drive. Saturday 1:30. Yard Sale! Quality items, especially child

OAKLAND- 6786 Evergreen near Shepherd Canyon. Saturday, 9- 3. Furniture, fixtures, children's miscellaneous, records, books

OAKLAND- 6657 Gunn Drive Off Shepherd Canyon Road. Moving Sale! Saturday and Sunday, 8-5

OAKLAND- 6621 Gunn Drive Montclair Moving Sale! Sunday 9am- 2pm Household, furniture, books, clothing, etc.

OAKLAND- 4600 Block Edgewood (off Pershing) Saturday, 10- 4. Multifamily. Kitchenwares, furniture, books, kidstuff, things/ maybe!

KID'S SALE

OAKLAND- 3778 Park Blvd. Sunday 9- 1 toys, clothes, baby/ did's furnishings, etc

OAKLAND- 3799 Harrison Street. Saturday Sunday, 8- 5. Estate Sale Piano, furniture, doors, tools, etc

ESTATE SALE

OAKLAND- 3744 Midvale (Laurel area), off Snake California. Saturday and Sunday 9- 3 (2) twin bedroom sets, 2 armoires, cedar chest, household items, large oriental rug, tons more! 1980 Nissan Pulsar, RH Anderson

OAKLAND- 3358 Jordan Road (Off 35th Avenue). September 26th, 27th, 28th, 9- 3 Ph house Sale Service for 8 Haviland china and sterling flatware, Waterford crystal, living, dining and bedroom furniture, linens, kitchenware, collectibles, bric-brac

OAKLAND- 276 Santa Clara. Saturday/ Sunday 9- 3. Multifamily. Women's clothes, wordprocessor, treadmill, jewelry, stain glass, Gucci accessories, lamps, household

OAKLAND- 189 John Street off Piedmont Ave. Saturday, 9- 12. Garage Sale! Glasses, dishes, etc

ESTATE SALE

OAKLAND Hills- 12420 Skyline Saturday/ Sunday 9- 4. Lea's bedroom set, Oriental cabinets and bar. Large oak desk, chrome dinettes, wall, dining set, 1920- 30's sofas, records, books, clocks, paper Americana, bookshelves, glassware, tools, 1973 Ford Country wagon 22k miles, RH Anderson.

PIEDMONT- 210 La Salle Ave./ Crocker Saturday, 9- 3. Showroom sample sale. Upscale gift items. Silver. China. Crystal. Holiday shop early

PIEDMONT- 204 Howard Avenue Saturday 10am- 4pm. Furniture, household goods, misc.

ROCKRIDGE- 450 Clifton St./ Shafter Saturday 8- 4 Giant books, clothes, furniture rock collection, jewelry, appliances, miscellaneous. benefit Women's Orchestra.

ROCKRIDGE- 5951 College Ave. College Avenue Presbyterian Church Saturday 8- 4 15 families. Huge Sale!

401 Help Wanted

DENTAL OFFICE Assistant. Small giftware company. $7 per hour to start. 510-835-3242

RDA position available in expanding dental office between Montclair Hills of Oakland. Must be professional, experienced, friendly, outgoing and caring with above average communication skills. Please fax resume, 510-547-7582.

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RECEPTIONIST/ File Clerk. Full-time position for energetic, flexible individual with excellent phone/people skills. Busy pediatric office in Orinda/Berkeley. Computerized schedule. Some Saturdays. Call Joan: 254-8149

RECEPTIONIST/ Optimetric Assistant for professional family-oriented practice. Good people skills. Fax resume to: 510-524-2370.

RECEPTIONIST- Part-time in hair salon $6/hour. Apply at: 5335 College Ave. #4.

RECEPTIONIST, part-time. Bright, energetic, efficient, mature front office receptionist for busy Piedmont chiropractic office. Willing to train, computer experience necessary. 20 hours/ week approximately 2- 7 p.m. Monday- Thursday. Call 594-5755 to arrange interview.

RECEPTIONIST In Law Office needed part-time. Outgoing and responsible. Compensation negotiable 351-3133.

RECEPTIONIST/ Office assistant needed for agricultural mortgage broker. Good communication skills, detail-oriented, familiarity with office computer software. Call John at 339-2121.

RECEPTIONIST; full-time in busy OB/GYN office. Berkeley Experience necessary. Fax resume: 644-0687

Receptionist
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East Bay Professional Services firm seeks experienced receptionist for busy front desk (8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday- Friday). Excellent phone manner, customer service, computer and light accounting skills required. Send resume with cover letter to: NJW, Inc., 8407 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621 EOE, Attn: RECII.

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Seeking a Shipping Supervisor for the graveyard production shift. Responsibilities include: organizing production and procedures of warehouse, maintaining an effective production schedule for truck departures, overseeing the loading dock. Five years experience in warehouse management, preferably in the food industry. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Bilingual in Spanish a plus. We offer an excellent benefits package and competitive salary.

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Seeking a Pricing Coordinator to maintain chain store data base. Candidates must have strong PC skills, attention to detail. Excellent communication and coordinating skills. Previous experience with PC and accounting applications desired.

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Seeking a Transportation Clerk with strong clerical skills. PC knowledge to include: Word, Excel. Candidates must have at least three years experience in a fast paced environment. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills. Previous experience in transportation helpful.

Interested candidates fax or send resume to:
HR, 3371 Arden Road, Hayward, CA 94545
(510) 265-6101

401 Help Wanted

RENTAL Agent for Alameda real estate company. Flexible hours. Fax resume: 510-521-3492

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Resourceful, reliable freelance reporters to cover hard news stories. Features are an occasional option. Regular hours a possibility for the right person. Send letter and clips ASAP to Berkeley Voice, 2936 Domingo, Berkeley 94705. No calls please.

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In Berkeley apply at 2124 Vine Street, 2916 Domingo Avenue, or 1825 Solano Avenue. In Oakland, apply at 3258 Lakeshore Avenue, 4050 Piedmont Avenue, or 2066 Antioch Court.

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RETAIL- A fun, unique Jack London Square game store has opportunities for part-time cashier position. Applicants should be enthusiastic, energetic, motivated, reliable, and enjoy playing games. $7/ hour for 12- 20 hours per week. Experience is a plus. Fax resume: 444-4386

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401 Help Wanted

RETAIL Sales- Are you energetic, well-organized, and like to keep busy? Do you enjoy working with people? A self-starter with a good sense of humor, and sense of style would work well in my small, but very busy, womens' clothing store Berkeley area. Permanent, part-time, 24- 32 hours/ week $8 hour to start. Send resume: 1632 Alston Way, Berkeley, 94703

RETAIL Women's Clothing/ Shoes, North Berkeley seeks energetic, reliable, full-time help $8-$10+ June 845-4564

RETAIL Women's consignment clothing store. Full-time/ part-time available, salary depending on experience. Resume to: G.B. 1415 Park Street, Alameda, 94501

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SALES Associate positions available part-time at Royal Robbins Clothing. Looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated and sharp sales people to join our team. Flexability a plus. Positions available at 15, 25 and 30 hours per week. Apply at 841 Gilman Street Berkeley or Fax resume 510-527-1687

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Fax or mail resume and **cover letter** to Ms. Tucker. Fax (510)652-1859, INR, 5801 Christie Ave. #400, Emeryville, CA 94608.

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BOOKKEEPING Assistant for small office. Experience with double entry accounting, comprehensive computer skills, able to do bank reconciliation manually, A/P, filing. Monday- Friday 8:30- 5. Fax resume 510-652-9422, attention Cindy.

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Application **must** be submitted on Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) forms. Closing date for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m., October 10, 1997. Please call MTC in Oakland, CA, at (510)464-7818 to obtain an application. If you prefer, you may pick up an application during business hours at MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland, CA.

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CARWASH attendants, In Piedmont area, part-time/ full-time, good pay. Call 339-1064, Tuesday-Saturday.

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COUNSELOR/ Adult Education Teacher, 19 hours/ week. Prevocational Program, food service group, mentally ill adults. MSW, MA, OTR, or BA plus MH experience. Resume/ cover letter: Townhouse: 629 Oakland Ave., Oakland 94611. Fax: 510-658-0811.

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Fax or mail resume to: Jan Wasserman, Retail Advertising, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd. #11, Oakland, 94619. FAX: 510-339-3053

COURT reporting firm near Piedmont needs detail-oriented Office Manager, Monday- Friday, 9- 12. Scheduling, transcript production, proof reading. Computer knowledge desirable. Send resume to: Piedmont Systems Box 205, Oakland 94612

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DENTAL Front office, established Oakland Pill Hill RDA with 3 years minimum experience. Excellent verbal skills required. Call Marvis 510-451-2056

DOWNTOWN Oakland Real-estate office needs full-time receptionist/ bookkeeper/ administrator. Good phone skills, some computer/ accounting knowledge helpful. $1300 per month plus, depending on experience. 832-5195 ext 222

DRIVER, full-time or part time. Safe driver with good communication skills. Wages start at $7/ hour. Requires clean DMV and knowledge of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda areas. Call 510-261-2990

EMERYVILLE Women's apparel manufacturer is looking for Part-time help in shipping department. 25 to 30 hours per week. Hours and days are flexible. Order filling, packing, some lifting. Sewing experience helpful. Non-smoking environment. 510-655-9212

ENERGETIC, experienced daycare/ preschool worker. Full-time/ Part-time Berkeley 644-1709

ENTRY-LEVEL position, start part-time. Think/ act independently. Assistant executive/ loan processor. Business background preferred. Fax resume 510-528-1186

FITNESS Center; Downtown Oakland. Front desk administrative staff person. Early a.m.'s and mid-days. Start $7.50/ hour. Fax resume or interest letter 510-893-2707, Attention: Fitness Center

FLORAL Design Assistant. Full-time. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday. Experience/ Education required. Excellent opportunity with innovated company. Fax resume: 510-653-7722 or call MaryAnn Forrest 510-653-7227

FLOWER Sales Clerk, Emeryville flower outlet. Salary/ benefits. Must be available weekends and Holidays. Customer service, cash register, flower experience helpful. Please fax resume to Paul 510-653-7722

FOSTER PARENTS: to make a difference in the lives of abused children. three new homes needed to join the highly supportive Fred Finch Youth Center team before the holidays. Please Call 482-2244

FRENCH and Spanish Teachers needed for elementary school language program. Classes before school Monday- Thursday, starting September 29th. Elementary teaching experience preferred, no credential needed. Call Piedmont Language School 652-5229.

GALLERY INVENTORY ASSISTANT. Good with public. Some heavy lifting. CDL required. Own vehicle preferred. $9.50/ hour including bonus. Health coverage. Full or part-time. Long-term. At College and Claremont. Marian 654-0817

GENERAL Office, Part-time afternoons. Handle mail, scheduling, computer work, light bookkeeping, misc for fast-paced, small office. Fax resume to 486-1385

HAIRDRESSER- 3/4 time, education. Benefits. In progressive Oakland Hills salon. No license needed, will train. Evenings 482-0248

HANDYMAN helper, Part-time $7- $9 per hour. Car needed. Grant Lake Area. Light apartment maintenance help. Art 655-1159

HEALTH Club Instructor; Downtown Oakland. Part-time. Some experience necessary. Call after 10 a.m., 452-3755

HOME-BASED office needs help 15- 30 hours/ week; flexible schedule within weekday business hours. Bookkeeping, office and computer work. Quicken, Quickbooks, MS Access, MS Word skills wanted. Redwood Heights, Oakland. $12/ hour start as contractor. References. Message/ Fax: 510-482-1800

HOUSECLEANING; Immediate openings. Need 4 people. Car needed/ insurance. We pay weekly, Monday/ Friday. Day hours. Bonuses, benefits included 832-1210. Orinda.

HOUSECLEANING, Merry Maids. No nights. $175- $250/ week. Immediate openings. Bonus/ benefits available. Need car/ insurance, paid mileage. 595-7545

HOUSECLEANING position available with the Cooperative Cleaning Company. No experience necessary but a drivers license is a plus. EOE. Non-Homophobic. $6/ $6.50. Call 849-0697

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LANDSCAPE positions: Construction foreman; Maintenance foreman. Well trained, experienced, quality work. Call 510-261-5820

LEGAL Assistant/ Secretary for single-attorney, downtown Oakland general practice, full-time. Requires prior legal experience, knowledge of WordPerfect 6.1. Substantial client contact. To start September 29, 1997. Call Carol 510-451-6782.

LEGAL Secretary- detail-oriented self-starter to manage family law clients and case materials, draft pleading and do research for busy growing 3 attorney firm. Part-time to start, flexible hours. Salary DOE. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 510-865-4586

LOCAL furniture company seeks Delivery/ Warehouse person full-time. Experience, good driving record required. All inquiries to: Box F, 5707 Redwood Rd. Suite 4, Oakland 94619

MAINTENANCE Foreman to run 5 man crew. Need some general knowledge of all basic maintenance. Apply Ballena Isle Marina, 1150 Ballena Blvd, Suite 111, Alameda.

MAINTENANCE- production Machinery. Trouble Shoot Electrical, Hydraulics. $18 Hour. Lasar Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 893-9612

MAINTENANCE Worker- part-time positions, (20 hours week), $7- $8.50 hour., cleaning roofs and gutters, miscellaneous home repair. Heavy lifting required. Fax resume to Tammy 510-522-1436

MARKETING/ Public Relations Assistant for Montclair mortgage broker. Part-time, 5- 15 hours/ week; hours by mutual convenience. Good computer skills required. Call John at 339-2121.

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MEDICAL Front/ Back office. 24 hours Monday-Wednesday 9- 6. 5 years experience, computer skills, own car. Fax resume: 510-521-7869

MEDICAL Office Manager /Billing, Scheduling, Receptionist. For warm Chiropractic office in Berkeley. Excellent people skills; billing aptitude required. Non-smoking. Call 510-338-0101. Or fax 510-339-2736

SEAMTRESS/ window coverings. Retail experience, flexible. Alcatraz Shade Shop. Hans 658-2734

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SECRETARY/ Receptionist. Part-time, busy Piedmont Real Estate office, self-starter, organization skills, PC windows. Please call: 510-849-5319

SECURITY OFFICER
Qualifications include valid CA drivers license, excellent communication skills, and a willingness to work with a diverse population.

Apply to Community of Harbor Bay, 3195 McCartney Road, Alameda 94502 or fax resumes to: "Security Director at 510-522-1436" or e-mail to "CHBiSecurity@compuserve.com"

SPANISH Speaking Administrative Assistant. Flex-time 10- 30 hours weekly. MS Word processing and Access database input. Can do some work at home on your own PC. Bay Farm Island. Fax resume to (510)864-2877, telephone 510-864-2875

TEACHERS and aides, before and after school childcare/ enrichment program. Arts, crafts, sports, music, drama. Health and 401K benefits. Resume to: Adventure Time, P.O. Box 5009, Berkeley, CA 94705

TELEMARKETER needed for professional appointment setting. 9- 1, Tuesday- Friday. Experience required. $8 an hour and bonus. 769-8732

TELEPHONE interviewers needed for energy use research. Day and evening shifts available. Requires excellent reading and communication skills and one weekend shift per week. Call 510-540-7200 between 10am and 4pm week days. Ask for Dane.

WAITPERSON- Rick & Ann's, full-time mornings. Experienced required. Fax resume 649-8564

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403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLING booth for rent. Excellent location on Piedmont Ave. Call Forough at: 655-3741

HAIRSTYLIST, full-time, rent in charming Montclair hair salon. Some clientele needed. Free parking. 339-2600

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

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ORGANIZED, responsible, efficient graduate students will housecleanr/ garden/ whatever. Great recommendations. Brendon and Rebecca 510-339-6047

AUSTRALIAN Mother/ 2 year old daughter need live-in position. Nanny, housekeeping/ cleaning. Experience. Yvette: 510-726-3684

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

CAREGIVER wanted. Male experienced with transfers and slideboard to live in with active paraplegic widower. Good English and verbal skills and ability to manage up scale Lafayette home. Call Carol 933-6475

LIGHT housekeeping, errands/ driving. Flexible hours/ days. Must have car, references. Call 531-2477

HOUSE/ yard work, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2 hours per morning. $5+/ hour. Call Tim 524-9726

CHILDCARE and housework, weekdays, 3- 6 p.m. and occasional weekends. References and car. 654-9965

HOUSEKEEPER for Piedmont family. Duties include: Cooking, grocery shopping, laundry, light housekeeping. Some childcare. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 2pm- 6pm. 652-5767

RESPONSIBLE person(s)- family needs help with cleaning, organizing, gardening, maintenance. $7.50/ hour. Call Tami 339-0361

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 559-9195

CHILDCARE needed Tuesdays, plus 10 additional hours for 13 month old boy. Excellent references. Experienced and fluent English required. 604-7023

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BABYSITTER for 3 school aged children. Available after 1 p.m. Need car. Call 848-8720

AFTER School, 2 middle schoolers, 4- 6 p.m. Montclair. Car, CDL. $10/ hour. Barbara, 339-2529

CHILDCARE, 2 children, after school, Montclair home. Must have car. Excellent salary. Call Sherry 339-8813

PART TIME childcare for 4 month old. 3 days/ week. Fluent English, references required. Share considered. Montclair near public transportation. 510-923-1313

CHILDCARE- 2 boys, 9- 11, in Orinda. Monday- Friday afternoons and evenings approximately 30 hours/ week. Must have car. 254-4650

CARING, experienced childcare for 3/ 5 year old boys. Approximately 20 hours/ week. Piedmont. References required. 655-8424

AFTER School Pickup, care, 2 children (4/ 9). Tuesday Friday 3- 6:30 possible Saturday 12:30- 6:30. Need car, insurance, references. Light housekeeping. Montclair area (510)339-8195

CHILDCARE needed for 4 year old girl in North Berkeley. Monday- Wednesday 1pm- 6pm. Car required. Fluent English. 510-848-0950

WE need a vivacious sitter Tuesday, Thursday afternoons for two fun kids. Kati 547-1936

410 Shared Childcare

SHARE loving nanny (with us 4 years) with 10 month old, full-time preferred. Montclair 339-8044

410 Shared Childcare

SHARE our wonderful experienced nanny with 12 month son. Rockridge area full-time preferred. Ronnie 653-0935

SHARE great caregiver, 6 hours/ week (afternoons/ Fridays, with 2½ year old Mandarin/ Oak and 444-2662

411 Childcare - Licensed

LOVING home, art, outings, meals, activities, computers, part-time, 1½- 4 years. Credentialed teacher, #13412110 923-0450

BARBALUTES Family Childcare. Openings for two, three, and four year olds. Carolyn 530-9413. Glenview #10214877

MONTE Tavor's Daycare 7- 6 p.m. Spanish/ English. Lots of activities, come visit #013411282 531-3328

BIRGITTA Play School Daycare. Loving environment. Safe, spacious Preschool activities. Meals. Lots of toys. Excellent references. Swedish/ English #010213663 451-3552

412 Babysitting Offered

BABYSITTER in your home. Available summer/ references, CPR training, own car, CDL. Loving, responsible Grad with infant and toddlers. 536-5451

CARING, experienced, responsible babysitter available for/ three year-old. CDL, car. Alison 601- 1825. Howard 533-4857

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be listed as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Help Wanted #403 and Caregiver/Companion etc. Help Wanted #406

ABLE CARE INC.
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$600 MONTCLAIR, share with female. Remodeled, view, laundry, private large room. 406-867-1039, message

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5019
The Name of the Business:
Bayview Personal Services, 51 Southwind Cir., Richmond, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owners:
Jerry Pajon 51 Southwind Cir., Richmond, CA 94804
Wendy Lee, 51 Southwind Cir., Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by Co-Partners
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 18 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 18 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4958
The Name of the Business:
Food Mart, 1635 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo, CA 94806.
Is registered by the following owner:
James Hyun Kang, 675 Hawbury Ln #342, Hayward, CA 94544
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1997.
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5072
The Name of the Business
Point Bonita Books, 5920 Dimm Way, Richmond, CA 94805
is registered by the following owner:
Gary Michael Rosenthal, 5920 Dimm Way, Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 20, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 20, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4886
The Name of the Business:
Fairview General Contractors, 920 Country Club Drive #2A, Moraga, CA 94556
Is registered by the following owner:
Fairview Building & Development Corporation California
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 30, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 12, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5144
The Name of the Business
Wilco Marketing, 2101 Pear St., P.O Box 196, Pinole, CA 94564-9998
Is registered by the following owner:
Glenn Wilson, 520 Sunnyview Dr #302, Pinole, CA 94564
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 22, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 22, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4996
The Name of the Business
One-Luv Productions, 5328 Catanzaro Way, Antioch, CA 94509
Is registered by the following owner:
Vendon McLeod, 5328 Catanzaro Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 18, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 18, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4997
The Name of the Business
AMINIS', 1950 Esplanade Dr., Richmond, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owner:
Abdolhamid Amini 6208 Cypress Ave Apt. #3, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 18, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 18, 1997
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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No 96-3942
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of The Vista Monterey Company at 957 Stow Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549
The fictitious business name for the partnership was filed on June 20, 1996 in the County of Contra Costa under File Number 96-3942
Andrew Morse Construction, Inc., 957 Stow Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 18, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4920
The Names of the Businesses
1) Crystal Cleaners 2) Crystal Cleaners & Alterations, 6680 Alhambra Ave #106, Martinez, CA 94553
Are registered by the following owner:
Anthony Lopez, 411 Ferry St. #7, Martinez, CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 13, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 13, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4956
The Name of the Business
Brooks Residential & Commercial Repairs, 911 Villa Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert Glenn Brooks, 911 Villa Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4822
The Name of the Business:
Will Deliver, 3088 Barkley Drive, Richmond, 94806
Is registered by the following owner:
William Dehesa Ybona, 3088 Barkley Drive, Richmond, 94806
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 8, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 8, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4967
The Name of the Business
Platypus Commercial, 1960 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
Is registered by the following owners:
Gretchen V Arth, 1960 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
Phillip Arth, 1960 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1995
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 15, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4761
The Name of the Business:
The Ultimate Attorney Service, 640 Bailey Road #132, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Carol A. Edwards, 2117 Carquinez Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 6, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 6, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4785
The Name of the Business:
Uncle Wong, 2005 B. Main St., Oakley, CA 94561.
Is registered by the following owners:
Jian Guang Luo, 530 Brussels St., San Francisco, CA 94134.
Henry Huang, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.
This business is conducted by a General Part-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5024
The Name of the Business
Pacific Tea Company, 506 De Carlo Ave., North Richmond, CA 94801
Is registered by the following owners:
Eugene J. Maffei, 73 Martens Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901
Donna Lee Maffei, 73 Martens Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 18, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 18, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4951
The Name of the Business
Heute Systems, 1829 Shasta Street, Richmond,

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Is registered by the following owner:
John Hess, 1829 Shasta Street, Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 1, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1997.
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-4938
The Name of the Business:
PTW ELECTRICAL, 1569 Limewood Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Paul Wilson Tugbenyoh, 1569 Limewood Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1997.
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4953
The Name of the Business:
Little Lambs Home Child Care, 6522 Moeser Lane, #5, El Cerrito, CA 94530. P.O. Box 7034, Berkeley, CA 94707-0034.
Is registered by the following owner:
Belinda B Foland, 6522 Moeser Ln, #5, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 14, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-4894
The Name of the Business:
Fairmount Auto Service, 6525 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Wolfgang Immel, 134 Hill Dr., Vallejo, CA 94590
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 10, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 12, 1997
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5129
The Name of the Business:
What A Concept!, 1319-A Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Patti Smollan, 1319-A Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 21, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 12, 1997.
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5321
The Name of the Business:
California Retirement Plans, 590 Lennon Lane, Suite 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is registered by the following owner:
Brian L. Smith, 1019 Ready Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 29, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997
The Journal September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5309
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Monterey Bay Company 2) Monastery Beach Crawling Club, 191 Dayton Court, San Ramon, CA 94583
Are registered by the following owner:
Ernest W. Fessler, 191 Dayton Court, San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 28, 1997.
The Journal September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5223
The Name of the Business:
Blimple of Martinez, 1170 Arnold Dr., Suite 100, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
Richard A. Craig, 1170 Arnold Dr. #100, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 26, 1997.
The Journal September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 1997

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T S No OC2665628 Notice of Trustee's Sale under Deed of Trust. You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated 02/03/87. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. Notice is hereby given that Wolf & Richards, a Law Corporation, as substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Michael A Lalgee, an unmarried man Recorded 02/03/87 Inst # 87-39005 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder, will sell on **10/02/97 at 09:45 AM** at **At the North side of the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, Ca** at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1800 Rosevelt Avenue Richmond, Ca 94801 APN# **514-180-001** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is **$81,126.66** In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust Dated September 03, 1997 **Wolf & Richards, a Law Corporation as Trustee** By: Lori Womack, Foreclosure Supervisor Wolf & Richards, a Law Corporation 500 Newport Center Drive, Suite 800, Newport Beach, Ca 92660-7008 (714)720-9200 Sale Information Only: (818) 398-5932 C262745 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 1997

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-4861
The Name of the Business:
BMB Consulting, 4496 Silverberry Ct., Concord, CA 94521
Is registered by the following owners:
Marina Gelman, 4496 Silverberry Ct., Concord, CA 94521
Ben Gelman, 4496 Silverberry Ct., Concord, CA 94521
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 11, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 11, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5086
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Apple Communications 2) Apple Communications and Energy, 1403 S. 59th St., Richmond, CA 94804. P.O. Box 1779, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Are registered by the following owner:
Stephen Yaffe, 1403 S. 59th St., Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 20, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 20, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5147
The Name of the Business:
AC Taxteam, 12276 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
Armando Condori, 2652 Meadowlark St., San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 22, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 22, 1997
The Journal September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 1997

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No 97-2953
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Pacific Energy Solutions, Inc., at 4905 Central Ave., Suite 200, Richmond, CA 94804
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on May 13, 1997 under file number 97-2953
Pacific Energy Solutions, Inc., 4905 Central Ave., Suite 200, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business was conducted by a corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 19, 1997.
The Journal September 18, 25, September 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5450
The Name of the Business:
The John Clements Consultancy, 240 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707
Is registered by the following owner:
John Clements, 240 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 4, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 4, 1997.
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5218
The Name of the Business:
Double Headed Eagle, 152 Village Square, Orinda, CA 94563
Is registered by the following owners:
Sylvie M. Schulze, 4 Sandhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563
Franz G. Fritzenwallner, 4 Sandhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 26, 1997.
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5091
The Name of the Business:
Periwinkle Productions, 2185 Alameda Diablo, Box 402, Diablo, CA 94528
Is registered by the following owners:
William F. Taylor Jr., 2185 Alameda Diablo, Diablo, CA 94526
Donna H. Taylor, 2185 Alameda Diablo, Diablo, CA 94528
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 20, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 20, 1997.
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5415
The Name of the Business:
Field of Dreams Lanscaping Co., P.O. Box 304, 511 W. 3rd St., Antioch, CA 94509
Is registered by the following owner:
Delta Transport, Inc., Las Vegas 89126, Nevada.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 3, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 3, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5387
The Name of the Business:
Dan Xia Consulting Associate, 56 Richardson Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.
Is registered by the following owner:
Xia Teng, 56 Richardson Rd., Kensington, CA 94707
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 2, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 2, 1997
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5182
The Name of the Business:
Simon Stinger, 6 Pillon Real, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Is registered by the following owners:
Alicia Perrone, 6 Pillon Real, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Victor James, 6 Pillon Real, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 25, 1997.
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5565
The Name of the Business:
Protective Coating Systems, 663 Winslow St., P.O. Box 548, Crockett, CA 94525
Is registered by the following owners:
Michael William Stoll, 663 Winslow St., Crockett, CA 94525
Maryanne Teresa Stoll, 663 Winslow St., Crockett, CA 94525
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 9, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 9, 1997
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5205
The Name of the Business:
DK Wholesale, 4053 Lambert Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owner:
Debra Klock, 4053 Lambert Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 25, 1997
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5342
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Meru Oils Company 2) Beerlao USA, 4840 Pineview Way, Antioch, CA 94509-8140.
Are registered by the following owner:
Kengpor Chew, 4840 Pineview Way, Antioch, CA 94509-8140.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 29, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997
The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5337
The Name of the Business:
DBL D Productions, 2347 Shannon Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806
Is registered by the following owner:
Donald Dickerson, 2347 Shannon Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997
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T S No 743858 LOAN NO 743858 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/30/1987. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property known as 5325 SCHOOL STREET EL CERRITO CA 94530 Assessor's Parcel Number 509-012-023 As More Fully Described in Said Deed of Trust will be sold at public auction AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 725 COURT STREET (CORNER MAIN & COURT STREET), MARTINEZ CALIFORNIA on 10/9/1997 , at 1:30 PM, to the highest bidder payable at the time of sale, for cash or cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Financial Code section 5102 and authorized to do business in California The sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by CLEVELAND W BELLARD AN UMARRIED MAN as trustor, recorded on 4/15/1987, recorded as Instrument No 87 60118 Book No 13577 page 297, of the Official Records of CONTRA COSTA, California. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is $79,986.49, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice Dated: September 11, 1997 RAYMOND ZUBIATE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY 4900 RIVERSIDE ROAD, SUITE 2870 IRWINDALE, CA 91706(626) 856-4858 FOR SALES INFORMATION CALL (714) 573-1965 P99351 9/18,9/25 10/2/1997

The Journal September 18, 25, October 2, 1997.

Notice of Trustee's Sale. Trustee Sale Number. 22608-F You are in default under a deed of trust dated 05/17/94. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer On **10/15/97 at 9:45 AM**, Attorneys Equity National Corporation as Agent for CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation (Trustee), 23721 Birtcher Drive, Lake Forest, Ca 92630 (714)707-5640 as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust recorded 05/31/94 as Document 94-146361 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, Executed by: Aaron L. Caldwell and Doris S Caldwell, husband and wife, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers Check made payable to Attorneys Equity National Corporation, (payable at the time of sale and in accordance with Section 2924h(b) of the California Civil Code, and acceptable to the Trustee) at: **At the North side of the City Hall 1666 N. Main Street Walnut Creek, California** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California. The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described herein is purported to be: 3235 Annapolis Avenue, Richmond, Ca 94806, County Assessor's Parcel Number: **414-153-006** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid balance of the obligation, including interest, advances and all other charges secured by said property The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by said property and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice is **$60,627.02** Date 09/20/97 **CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation By Attorneys Equity National Corp. as Agent**, Veronica Lopez, Foreclosure Department C262977 9/25, 10/2, 10/9 1997

The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5456
The Name of the Business:
Noble, Franklin & Young, 373 Falcon Way, Hercules, CA 94547
Is registered by the following owner:
Wayne Tano, 373 Falcon Way, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 4, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 4, 1997.
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5425
The Name of the Business:
Cindy's Classic's Fashion, 1050 Oak Grove Rd., Apt. #21, Concord, CA 94518.

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Is registered by the following owner:
Lucinda Laurie Smith, 1050 Oak Grove Rd., Apt. #21, Concord, CA 94518
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 3, 1997.
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5320
The Name of the Business:
Data Masters of Danville, 864 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526
Is registered by the following owner:
Oak Ridge Ventures, Inc., 864 Diablo Rd., Danville, CA 94526
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 29, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997.
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5330
The Name of the Business:
Bill Smith & Associates, 1122 Saranap Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Is registered by the following owner:
William A. Smith, 1039 Stimel Drive, Concord, CA 94518
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 29, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5361
The Name of the Business:
Public Strategies, 1340 Carpenter Rd., Oakley, CA 94561 P.O Box 1299, Brentwood, CA 94513
Is registered by the following owner:
Jay Martin Corey, 1340 Carpenter Rd , Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 2, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 2, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5344
The Name of the Business:
Eagle Construction, 5037 Sutherland Dr., Concord, CA 94521
Is registered by the following owner:
John S. Frankum, 5037 Sutherland Dr., Concord, CA 94521
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 29, 1997
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5219
The Name of the Business:
Lonelegh Music, 100 Adak Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is registered by the following owner:
Leigh M. Warner, 100 Adak Ct , Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 26, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 26, 1997
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5487
The Name of the Business:
S & L Enterprises, 1620 Olympia St., Concord, CA 94521
Is registered by the following owners:
Sasan Amirgharaei, 1620 Olympia St., Concord, CA 94521
Elizabeth J. Amirgharaei, 1620 Olympia St., Concord, CA 94521
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 5, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5282
The Name of the Business:
Hot Line Construction, Inc., 3510 Camino Diablo Rd., Byron, CA 94514. P.O. Box 400, Byron, CA 94514
Is registered by the following owner:
Carol Grace Bade, 525 Hoffman Ln., Brentwood, CA 94513
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1967
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 28, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5357
The Name of the Business:
A Cut Above Gardening Service, 6448 Kensington Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owners:
Ronald Roque, 6448 Kensington Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Andrea Roque, 6448 Kensington Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 2, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 2, 1997
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5497
The Name of the Business:
Western Energy Solutions, Inc., 4905 Central Ave , Suite 200, Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Western Energy Solutions, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 1997
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 5, 1997
The Journal September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 97-5498
The Name of the Business:
California Health Care, 625 Sherree Ct., Martinez, CA 94553. P.O. Box 1781, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owners:
Maralee Reiner, 625 Sherree Ct., Martinez, CA 94553
Delores Taylor, 601 5th St., Apt. D, Vallejo, CA 94591
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 1997
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Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Abelson practices the volunteerism she preaches

As noted last week, this is the first in a series of columns about the rest of the candidates for the El Cerrito City Council (after having written about the Friends of the El Cerrito Library and their president, Thom Stark). We are taking them in alphabetical order.

Janet Abelson and I spent more time talking about the Albany/El Cerrito Access Committee than we did about Janet Abelson. Although Robert Coleman is president of that organization, Abelson is vice president, treasurer and spokesperson. And she is, understandably, proud of what they have accomplished and continue to do.

Their latest accomplishment was a gift of $15,000 to the City of El Cerrito to make the swimming pool accessible, plus $5,000 to make the playground at Harding Elementary School accessible, including a ramp that goes up to the tower of the structure. She explains that when small children play on a playground structure there is a great deal of fear. With this ramp parents can get on the tower with the child, and children feel more secure. And, of course, this is most important because part of learning is based on the growth of motor development, and play plays a great part in developing this.

The group got the cooperation of the City of El Cerrito and took out an unsafe structure. They turned a sand pit into a physical conditioning center for older kids. She adds that they also had the cooperation of the school district. Additionally, the children raised money by saving "Pennies for the Play Ground." It was a challenge, she says, but they accomplished their dream.

In looking for a new project, one member suggested that it would be nice to have equipment so people with low vision could use the information in the library: reference material and other matters which cannot be taken out of the library. Since it is the El Cerrito/Albany (or Albany/El Cerrito) committee, it must, of a necessity cover both libraries. It is for this reason that another member of the Access group visited one of the meetings of the Friends of the Albany Library to suggest that we join them and El Cerrito Friends in a visit to the new San Francisco library where they have such equipment available, so that we would see it and see whether it would be workable for us. (Albany librarian Ronnie Davis and I will join the others in making that interesting trek).

Thanks to an automobile accident in 1985, Janet Abelson is confined to a wheel chair. As a result, of course, she has become conscious of the problems of access for those in wheel chairs or otherwise hampered by physical problems. The miles of now-accessible sidewalk corners are the result of many years of work by this and similar organizations.

"Mostly, though;, we advise the cities of El Cerrito and Albany on access issues," she explains. And she talks about finding funding, such as obtaining Community Development Block Grants for their access work. And the organization, itself, which was formed in the late 1980s and recently became a licensed non-profit organization.

Finally talking about herself, Abelson says she worked for about 20 years as a Systems Analyst/Computer Specialist for UC-Berkeley.

Born in Illinois, then lived in Phoenix, she came out here to go to school "and I found the center of the universe." She has a BA in English and an MBA in Management, from San Francisco State University. She and husband Howard Abelson have five children. Oldest daughter Rose is 23, has just graduated from San Francisco State; Joel, 21, is at Chabot and Hayward State; 20-year-old Ruthie attends the College of Marin, 17-year-old Miriam is a senior at El Cerrito High and 7-year-old Sarah is a student at Harding Elementary.

She laughs as she explains that it is good to belong to an organization that is El Cerrito/Albany because their home has one foot edge of one room just over the Albany line. Just enough, she says, so that they have to pay assessments to both cities.

Abelson is a great believer in volunteerism and "I practice what I preach." And she adds, "One of the things I love about El Cerrito is that it is very much a small town in lots of good ways. And people get to know each other and work well together.

That she does, indeed practice what she preaches is proven by the fact that she is president of her PTA chapter, is with a group that is painting and repairing the benches for AC Transit, and, of course, is very involved with the EC/A Access group. She says she has always been involved in her children's schools.

So there you have Janet Abelson. Our long conversation included chatting and laughing about many things. I told her she would have to share a column. But there was too much to write about, and I have been wanting to write about the El Cerrito/Albany Access group. I think it is important and the work it is doing is vital. So, no shared column. I'm not quite sure how I will handle the rest of them, but I enjoyed getting to know them all, and I hope you will, also.

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I apologize to those people I have interviewed, whose stories must wait until this series is completed.

Even though ;the next few columns will continue to be about the candidates, I still need your continued input. Do give me your interesting people, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is CRGENSER@aol.com.

Goings

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The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her Doctors, and an American Tragedy

1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley: 486-0698

Ecology Center Literary Series

Sept. 28; 7 p.m.; poetry readings by Dennis Fritzinger and Kirk Lumpkin, followed by open mic

2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-3333

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center

Sept. 25; 7:30 p.m.; Stella Resnick, *The Pleasure Zone: Why We Resist Good Feelings*

Sept. 26; 7:30 p.m.; Susana Valdez, "People of the Peyota: Huichol Indian History, Religion & Survival," slide show and benefit art sale.

Sept. 28; 7 p.m.; Vas in Concert Sunyata, in celebration of GAIA's 10th Birthday

Sept. 30; 7:30 p.m.; Michael Moore, *Downsize This* at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; $7 general admission

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA; all events $3.

La Peña Cultural Center

Open Mic Poetry in the cafe has new summer hours, Wednesdays beginning at 8 p.m. except for Nina and Diana workshops every third Wednesday.

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Meetings

Upcoming

RPEA Chapter 51 meeting; registration by Oct. 1; it's a Wild West Picnic. Dress for the West; Rockerfeller Lodge, 2650 Market St., San Pablo: $7.50.

Ongoing

Northern California Stop Cassini Coalition; 7 p.m. every Wednesday; organizing to stop space probe carrying 72 pounds of plutonium; 1606 Bonita at Cedar, upstairs (next to Unitarian Church); 527-4055 or (707) 772-5264.

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club; 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of the Month; talking to yourself? No! Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.



TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 213 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Moving takes all your heart

We have a friend who is trying to relocate his family from their home in Fremont to an area near Sacramento

One Sunday a month or so ago, he and wife found exactly the house they wanted to buy. They made an offer, did some negotiating and were in contract by the next day. By Tuesday of the same week, there was a for-sale sign in front of their Fremont house; they had vacuumed and cleaned and they were tingling with excitement and trepidation.

Our friend called us to report these hurried events. He said his agent expected his house to sell quickly. The inspections on the new house were already scheduled and, if all went well, the family would be moving within five weeks. We wished him our best.

A few days later he called again, agitated and disappointed. Two offers had been received from buyers on the Fremont house immediately after it was held open for the first time. But now it seemed that the chosen buyer's bad credit would prevent him from getting a loan. The house was back on the market. Did we have any advice?

We said it was certainly good news that his house seemed so desirable. Probably it would sell again quickly. But why hadn't his agent made sure that the buyer was preapproved for his loan before the offer was accepted?

Our friend didn't know. He said he would ask his agent about this for the future. Meanwhile he'd cross his fingers and go ahead with inspections on the new house.

The next time we heard from him, he was more upset than before. The Sacramento house had, he said, many problems. What should he do? Could he expect that the seller would pay to make all the deficiencies right?

We didn't ask him but we certainly wondered why his agent wasn't answering these questions. Virtually every inspection of every house reveals a laundry list of things that are wrong.

The agent should be helping to decide about further negotiation with the sellers, to make an informed decision.

It's part of the agent's job to discuss these with the buyer, to provide some perspective, perhaps advise that further inspections be made. The agent should be helping the buyer decide about further negotiation with the sellers, to make an informed decision about proceeding with the sale, or not.

Our friend's agent didn't seem to have been much help to him, so we did what we could; we asked him to tell us about all of his concerns.

He said the furnace was a big problem but he didn't know what was wrong and we couldn't guess if this was a big issue or not. He was getting a bid from a heating company. Good.

Something was wrong too with the swimming pool pump and some spa lights didn't work. There were leaks under two sinks in the house. A few slats were missing from a fence and it was thought that the fence belonged to the neighbor. There was no spring on the gate latch — it wouldn't stay closed.

An odd item: "The neighbor's TV is hooked to our antenna. Now what are we going to do about that?" he asked. Also, "While the roof is not leaking and the seller is providing us a roofing company guarantee against leaks for two years, we would rather have a tile roof."

He had learned that the seller hadn't paid his property taxes for three years and, the buyer understood, there are two liens on the house.

Lastly, the house is part of a planned development with special rules and regulations each homeowner has to agree to follow.

We had not, of course, been present at the inspections; nor had we seen any written reports. We'd never even seen the house. Still, it sounded like this house was in quite good shape, which is what we told him.

From the information we had, we couldn't tell how serious the furnace problem might be. But sink leaks, fence slats, ownership of the fence, and the gate latch, also probably the spa lights and pool pump seemed to be minor.

Someone needed to talk to the neighbor about the antenna. If a roofing company was really guaranteeing the roof against leaks (we've never heard of such a thing), that was great. Changing to tile would be up to the buyer.

Property taxes would be paid by the seller in escrow. It would behoove the buyer's agent to check out the liens now — what kind of liens? What was needed to satisfy them?

The buyers should have a copy of the planned development's regulations (called CC&Rs) and should go over them carefully, determine if they feel right about abiding by them. These may include a prohibition against hanging a basketball hoop on the house, dictate what colors the house exterior can be painted, regulate parking spaces and the like.

Our friend was feeling better. He said he'd check out everything we'd talked about.

We didn't hear from him again for a couple of weeks. His next message, somewhat frantic, said, "An unethical realtor brought in another offer on the Sacramento house. Now we're told that we have 72 hours to remove our contingency concerning selling our old house. Can they do this?"

We had never seen his contract but it came as no surprise to us that he had offered to buy the new house only if his old house sold. Commonly such a contingency includes a 72-hour release clause, which would allow the seller of the Sacramento house to continue to offer his property to other buyers. If a second buyer comes along with an acceptable offer, the first buyer is given 72 hours to release his contingency or agree to cancel the contract.

Why had our friend not understood this? Hadn't the agent explained his contract to him?

He told us that the Fremont house was back in contract and

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Mortgage rates fall on low inflation news

The most recent Consumer Price Index shows inflation to be almost nonexistent.

On Sept. 18 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage stands at 7.38 percent down a robust 15 basis points from last week's average of 7.53 percent.

This is the lowest the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has averaged since it stood at 7.36 percent the week ending August 1. At the end of the third week of September 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.14 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMS) fell 6 basis points from last week's average of 5.59 percent to 5.53 percent. This is also the lowest that this rate has averaged since the week ending August 1.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.83 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, fell 13 basis points from last week's 7.07 percent to 6.94 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.64 percent.

"The seven-week low in interest rates is due largely to information in the most recent Consumer Price Index, which shows inflation to be almost nonexistent," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Order.

"It is also quite possible that we will see rates fall next week."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

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Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers and two million renters in America. More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddiemac.com.

On Aug. 29 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for September payments at 4.887 percent, up 3 basis points from the 4.853 percent that was in effect for August payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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1142 Francisco (2-4)	Berkeley	2+bd/1ba	$199,000
2771 Dohr (2-4)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	$124,500
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6509 Stockton (2-4)	El Cerrito	2bd/1ba	$159,000
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Tarpoff...

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the buyers were doing their inspections that week. He did not know when their deadline for removing that contingency was, nor was he aware of how long they had to get a loan.

We referred him to his agent to figure out how the timing was set up and to talk about whether it would allow him to stay in contract on his purchase.

He said it would be possible to buy before selling — his father could help. "But," he went on, "maybe it's a blessing in disguise. That house had a wood-shake roof. We really wanted a tile roof. And there's no lawn in back. We'd like a lawn for our kids. I think we'll go look at other houses this weekend."

So much for strong commitment. Maybe if our friend had been properly informed all along the way, the ending would be different.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and residential specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Berkeley Horticultural Nursery invites you to Jayne Hofer's talk the **Cutting Garden** 10:30 a.m., Fri. Sept. 19 at 1310 McGee Avenue in Berkeley. The noted florist and rosarian will discuss choosing flowers the cutting garden and artful ways to arrange them. Betsy Clebsch author of the best-seller **A Book of Salvias** will be on hand Sat. Sept. 20 to discuss the many species of ornamental sages that grace the Bay Area and noted columnist **Jon Carroll** will address the many conundrums that face local gardeners. Call 526-4704 for more information.

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The Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a series of workshops called **Meet Successful Small Business Owners**. Successful small business owners, bankers and corporate executives have joined with the SBA to strengthen small business in Oakland. The **One-page Business Plan** is on Sept. 25's schedule and **Financing Your Small Business** is scheduled for Sept. 30. Classes are held at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. Call 273-6020 for information on these or any of the upcoming workshops.

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The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Sept. 27 BEC presents attorney Sterling Johnson's **Owner as Contractor: the Legal Aspects,** builder Glen Kitzenberger's Installing Windows and Doors; Christine Coates will host her short course Hardwood Floor Installation at her South San Francisco showroom. Andus Brandt's **Deck Building** and Jim Patterson's **Concrete Foundations** will be held over two Saturdays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 3. On Sun., Sept., 28 the center hosts environmental consultant David Kibbey's **Healthful Building Materials**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

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Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the free workshop **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Sept. 27 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Rub shoulders with other women

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Gardening books to loan

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books that circulate for a period of 30 days.

The books are available to all Bay Area residents for a small annual fee of $2.

The library, located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland.

The library is open Tuesdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays).

For more information call 482-5252.

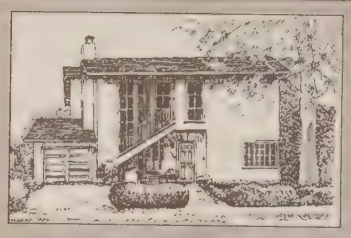
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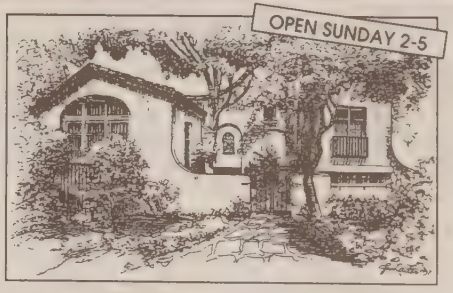
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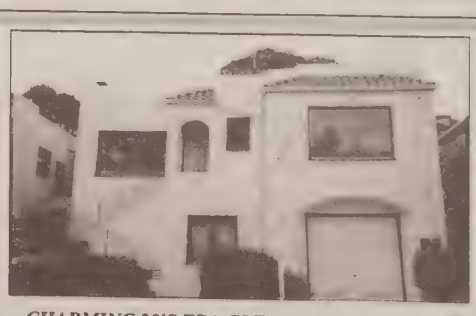
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Will the crooks be curbed?

By H. W. Moss

At least four new laws are wending their way through the state legislature aimed at curbing a variety of abuses in the realm of real estate. One of these bills actually came about because the author, Senator Quentin Kopp (I-San Francisco), was himself the victim of a real estate mortgage swindle.

The other legislative actions currently under consideration would restrict contractors in their use of installment agreements, require counseling for certain borrowers before they sign on the dotted line and strengthen existing mortgage regulations.

What happened to Senator Kopp could happen to anyone. He lent money through an unscrupulous Rohnert Park broker who forged the names of property owners on deeds of trust claiming they borrowed money secured by their property. They didn't.

Kopp would like to prevent the same thing from happening to other unsuspecting private lenders. His bill, SB 795, would remove Department of Real Estate (DRE) exemptions for reporting trust fund status and for filing annual reports. Some brokers are currently exempt from reporting and filing under certain circumstances.

If it passes, Kopp's bill would require all real estate brokers who make a loan or service them to meet these reporting standards. Another aspect of Kopp's bill would require that borrowers, lenders and investors all receive copies of the deed of trust involved in a transaction. That way there would be no surprises. If the owners are told an instrument has been recorded on their property without their knowledge, they can react and the scam will be quickly uncovered.

In a way this is similar to a test project in Los Angeles which began three years ago. The L. A. County recorder started notifying homeowners whenever a grant deed was recorded on their property. This action uncovered at least 400 cases of criminal wrongdoing according to "Dirty Deeds: Abuses and Fraudulent Practices in California's Home Equity Market" published by Consumers Union.

"We do have a problem," Senator Kopp said. "It's a large state, there are a good many senior citizens, many people living on fixed income with modest savings and there are continuing (real estate abuse) cases every year."

Kopp's bill was coauthored by Senator Teresa Hughes who also authored two of the three other real estate bills now under consideration. Hughes has actively sought to limit home equity fraud and in 1995 managed to shepherd through legislation that created the Real Estate Prosecution Trust Fund, SB 537. That act allows each county in the state to create a special real estate fraud unit within their local district attorney's office.

"The solution was not simple," said Hughes (D-Inglewood). "It needed a multifaceted approach and SB 537 was a simple beginning. SB 214 requires that a contractor could not use the retail installment sales contract which says you can get work done on an installment basis."

Hughes' other bill, SB 589, would require that homeowners receive counseling in advance if the relationship to their new payment is greater than 60 percent of their income. Assemblyman Steve Kuykendall (R-Long Beach) has introduced AB 754 which would move multi-lender Department of Corporation (DOC) regulations over to the DRE.

"Right now there's a split oversight for multi-lender activity," said Mark Reeder, a spokesperson in Kuykendall's Sacramento office. "Probably 90 percent of the individuals who engage in these transactions follow the DRE regs. We say the DOC are the tighter regs."

Multi-lender activity is a fairly

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Jeff Lindquist

Take time to see a combination of quality, affordability and location at ViewPlace's preview this weekend.

ViewPlace: affordable quality

The first new single-family home development in the Rockridge-Piedmont Avenue area of Oakland in over 50 years is nearing completion of its first phase. This weekend's Grand Opening Preview of ViewPlace marks a unique opportunity for those looking for that rare combination of quality, location and affordability in a new single-family home.

ViewPlace is a limited collection of nine distinctive homes on a cul-de-sac near Broadway and Piedmont Avenue. The homes range in size from 1,516 to 1,793 square feet, and are priced from the $290,000s.

Built by Oakland-based B P Equities, Inc., these two-story, three- and four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath homes are reminiscent of the style pioneered by the legendary architect Bernard Maybeck. Each home at ViewPlace features high-quality materials and finishes not found anywhere else in the Oakland area at this price.

According to B P Equities, Inc. President Brian Purcell, "Our company prides itself on a history of choosing locations and product lines that meets the needs of the community and fills a niche that hasn't been filled by other builders and developers."

The impressive interiors showcase many stylish architectural touches, from the graceful alcove arch in the dining area to the 10-foot volume ceilings in the living room and master bedroom suite. Rich maple hardwood flooring extends from the entry through the dining room and kitchen.

There are also built-in maple bookshelves and encased windows in the living room, a custom-crafted maple buffet with glass-paneled doors on the upper cabinet in the dining room, custom-crafted maple cabinets in the kitchen and master bathroom and a beautiful maple balustrade leading to the second floor. Dual-paned windows provide abundant natural light as well as bay views from the second story of each home.

The step-down living room features a wood-burning fireplace, a media alcove, and is prewired for a stereo surround sound system. The gourmet kitchen fea-

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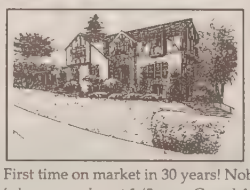
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1600 Posen Ave. - $256,000
1879 Tacoma Ave. - $425,000
1306 Talbot Ave. - $230,000
1144 The Alameda - $355,000
644 Vincente Ave. - $180,000

EL SOBRANTE
761 Alhambra Rd. - $114,500
932 Allview Ave. - $121,000
4316 Appian Way - $139,000
5475 Brookwood Ln. - $194,000
5769 Friar Ct. - $142,500
4105 Miflin Ave. - $110,000
1239 Raton Ct. - $152,500
216 Regency Ct. - $300,000
6215 S. P. Dam Rd. - $216,000
19 Setting Sun Pl. - $325,000

EMERYVILLE
1275 62nd St. - $125,000
8 Admiral Dr. #339A - $91,500
6363 Christie #2904 - $300,000

OAKLAND
144 Agnes St. - $755,000
1448 Allman St. - $144,000
5 Ascot Place - $340,000
6246 Aspinwall Rd. - $519,000
4328 Bermuda Ave. - $187,000
6150 B'way Ter. - $413,000
6302 B'way Ter. - $294,000
3712 Brookdale Ave. - $105,000
4502 Brookdale Ave. - $124,000
6125 Canning St. - $239,000
657 Capell St. - $254,500
2749 Carisbrook Dr. - $358,000
2520 Carmel St. - $184,500
301 Catron Dr. - $112,000
3949 Elston Ave. - $230,000
4329 Evans Ave. - $315,000
4349 Evans Ave. - $252,000
4016 Fruitvale Ave. - $165,000
7400 Greenly Dr. - $171,000
457 Hudson St. - $263,000
5932 Johnston Dr. - $325,000
32 Keswick Ct. - $239,500
771 Kingston #302 - $127,000
200 Lakeside Dr. #801 - $165,000
200 Lakeside Dr. #803 - $170,000
2290 Leimert Blvd. - $335,000
1836 Magellan Dr. - $300,000
5448 Manila Ave. - $281,000
236 Marlow Dr. #R - $222,000
5321 Miles Ave. #X - $213,000
3229 Monterey Blvd. - $185,000
2429 Monticello Ave. - $104,000
182 Santa Clara Ave. - $220,000
3870 Shafter Ave. - $122,000
8945 Skyline Blvd. - $469,000
5727 Snake Rd. - $379,000
31 Starview Dr. - $334,000
64 Starview Dr. - $330,000
6440 Valley View Rd. - $299,000
4400 Whittle Ave. - $219,000
230 Wildwood Ave. - $400,000
6010 Zinn Dr. - $530,000

PIEDMONT
17 Pacific Ave. - $995,000
6341 Wood Dr. - $600,000
65 Wyngaard Ave. - $605,000

SAN LEANDRO
1049 Arthur Ave. - $150,000
987 Begonia Dr. - $240,000
847 Bella Vista Ave. - $205,000
16930 Clinton Ave. - $120,000
2461 Croyden Ct. - $177,000
47 Dutton Ave. - $167,000
435 Elsie Ave. - $163,000
15657 Fantail Cir. - $255,000
15659 Fantail Cir. - $285,000
649 Greer Ave. - $168,000
15632 Hull Cir. - $237,000
502 Joaquin Ave. - $137,000
2503 Lakeview Dr. - $232,500
504 Mitchell Ave. - $165,000
16317 Panoramic Way - $220,000
2110 Pico Place - $141,000
2120 Placer Dr. - $198,000
14011 Reed Ave. - $113,000
15103 Shining Star - $327,500
1735 Skyview Dr. - $315,000
2383 West Ave. 136th - $180,000
428 West B'moor - $124,000
2410 Wimbledon Ln. - $168,000

SAN LORENZO
16121 Penn Ave. - $150,000
15912 Via Alamitos - $147,000
15945 Via Alamitos - $143,000
16140 Via Conejo - $215,000
16155 Via Lupine - $168,000
16013 Via Pinale - $165,000
17441 Via Susana - $165,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: $165,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $368,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $263,450

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $118,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $318,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $215,333

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: $135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $800,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $277,178

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: $110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $325,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $181,450

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $ 91,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $172,166

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 42
LOWEST PRICE: $104,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $755,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $271,273

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $600,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $995,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $733,333

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: $113,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $327,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $195,130

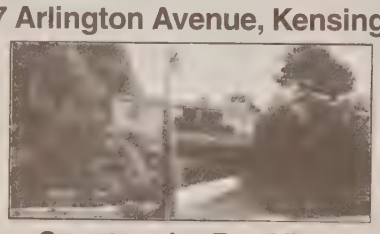
SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: $143,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $215,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $164,714

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UNOBSTRUCTED SAN FRAN VIEWS $489,000
Top location in exclusive Hiller Highlands. Stunning custom end unit with green belt in bear. Guest parking avail. Lg. 3BR, 3BA. Truly unique. CAROL COHEN 339-8900x225



POPULAR CLAREMONT! $437,000
All level, newly refurbished 3BR, 1.5BA home, new carpet hardwood floors, fireplace, extra "bonus" room CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8900x216

CLASSIC UPPER ROCKRIDGE–REDUCED! $615,000
Rare property with bay views and yard blending classic architecture with dramatic touches Soaring skylight, granite kitchen, marble baths, family room, 4BR, 2.5BA CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8900x216

LIVE BY THE REGIONAL PARK $359,000
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LARGE HOME LARGER LOT $354,000
Spacious 4BR, 3BA home on 33 acre gentle downslope lot short distance from village. Family room 2 decks, fireplace, 2 car garage. move-in condition. NANCY LAVROV 339-8900x219

GARDEN PARADISE, NEW ON MARKET $349,000
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1ST OPEN–MAJOR CHARM, VIEW, YARD! $309,000
Beamed ceiling, 2 brick fp's planked oak floors, RR level-out to yard, attchd garage, eat-in kitchen & formal dining w/major pano vies 3BR, 2BA + office & storage RACHEL BALLER 339-8900x244

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LAKESHORE HIGHLANDS $299,000
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SPACIOUS PRAIRIE $289,500
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Mark A. Wilson

A landmark reborn

During my first few years as a sales associate at Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley Telegraph Avenue office, I happened to work with an unusually high number of clients from various religious groups. My clientele during the first two or three years of my real estate career included a group of Dominican nuns looking for a large home to start a novitiate house in the East Bay and a group of priests representing the Catholic fraternal order Opus Dei who wanted to build a retreat for inner city Catholic youth.

I also helped a young female Baptist minister and an "alternative" New Age religious group from Marin County that wanted to buy a large commercial building in Berkeley to convert into their first East Bay church. The executive secretary in my office jokingly dubbed me the company's "Realtor to the Religious".

One of the things I learned from all my experience representing religious groups as a Realtor the difficult task any congregation has in adapting any existing building to the needs of a modern church. This task can be just as daunting when the congregation already has a historic building that was designed for the needs of an earlier era.

All too often the temptation is to abandon, or even demolish the historic church and rebuild or relocate into a new facility. As many readers may sadly recall, this was the unfortunate choice the Diocese of Oakland made when it demolished the 1891 Gothic-Revival St. Francis de Sales Church, (Oakland's old Cathedral) after it sustained moderate damage in the Loma Prieta Earthquake.

That is why it is so encouraging when a congregation chooses to buck this trend and not only stay in their historic building, but restore and do minor renovations to the old facility so it can serve the needs of a modern urban church. This is the

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The banner on the First Unitarian Church of Oakland proclaims the congregation's commitment to the future.

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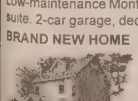
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Alertness pays dividends

By Don Pearman

Throughout California, the risk of an earthquake damaging your house varies greatly, depending on how near you are to an active fault and the severity and frequency of seismic activity expected from that fault.

Earthquake danger

For example, geologists researching the earthquake potential in the San Francisco Bay Area have determined that there are more faults with the potential for more seismic activity, and, thus, more damage, than previously charted. An area like the Bay Area, Southern California, for instance, can be expected to have a sizable number of earthquakes every year, and newly located faults only add to the existing hazard.

Some parts of California have fewer faults — Sacramento is one of these. Also, the Sacramento faults are older and less active, so the risk of earthquake damage to homes in Sacramento is much less than in Hayward or Northridge.

Whatever the risk of earthquake is, little can be done to lessen the effects of seismic activity other than building stronger and more earthquake-resistant structures and keeping them in good repair. You can't change the fault, but you can try to mitigate its effects.

Fire danger

Fire is another matter. Fire is not lurking in the ground, waiting to erupt; the risk of fire is based on an area's variety and density of vegetation, its topographical features, the characteristics of the structures, its climate and the reasons for past fires. Keeping careful track of these factors can help fire experts predict the probability of fire in the future and help people plan to lessen the risk.

Unfortunately, this does not always happen. For example, in the fall of 1991 in the Oakland and Berkeley hills all the high-risk factors were present, yet not enough heed was paid to the risk, and the result was the most costly fire in this country since 1900.

An area with little vegetation, a flat topography, houses of fire-resistant materials such as concrete blocks, residences located far apart to prevent fire spreading from house to house, a temperate climate and few historical fires, in short, a very low fire-risk area might seem to be a good place to live.

Increase your luck. Invest a few weekends decreasing the fire potential of your house.

Unfortunately, areas with most of those factors, such as Barstow or Coalalinga, are not places that large numbers of people choose to congregate. Areas with lots of trees and other vegetation, hills, valleys and canyons, houses of wood with wood roofs, residences clustered close together and a history of past fires seem to attract a lot of California's population — Berkeley and Malibu come to mind.

Santa Ana and Diablo

Even in high-risk areas, there are only a few "red flag" days during which the humidity drops, the temperatures climb, and the winds increase in velocity, the days of the Santa Ana or Diablo winds, and these days push an area that is prone to fire into one with a frightening likelihood of having an out-of-control conflagration to fight.

Modifying the surroundings in a fire-prone area can lessen the risk. Changing the vegetation pattern is a very good way to do this. Plants normally contain moisture, requiring water to thrive. If the humidity is 65 percent or more, plants will lose very little moisture to the air.

When the moisture in the air drops because of prevailing weather conditions, plants, losing moisture to the air more rapidly than usual, become much more susceptible to fire. When the humidity is as low as 15 percent, danger to plants increases alarmingly.

High temperatures cause fuels, such as vegetation and combustible structural materials, to burn much more rapidly. High winds will spread fire, and a fire will create its own wind by sucking in surrounding air in order to feed the combustion.

Taking action

What can you, as a homeowner, do to lessen the fire risk of your home and your neighborhood?



Lessening the fire risk now will help prevent another disaster like the fire in the Oakland and Berkeley hills in 1991. Here firefighters battle the blaze on Broadway Terrace.

First, clear the vegetation from around your house. Plant fire-resistant ornamental shrubs and trees. Keep existing plantings well-trimmed. For instance, junipers are a very popular bush, growing low to cover ground or tall by doorways or windows, but after drought and dry weather, these plants can become torches in a fire, spreading the flames rapidly and igniting structures with radiant heat. Many houses in the 1991 Oakland fire were ignited by the heat generated by the junipers decorating the property.

Second, invest in a fire-resistant roof if yours is of wood shingle or shake. Also, keep your gutters free of needles, leaves, or other material that can fill them up. Wood roofs and full gutters have been documented to be major causes of fire spread in our recent disastrous fires.

Third, make sure you have a water supply near your house. A garden hose can be used to put out small fires before they become big ones.

In the Oakland fire of 1991, I fought the fire in an area in which a block of homes and the surrounding vegetation on the downhill side of the street burned completely, yet I was able to save the houses on the uphill side of the street by using garden hoses at several residences to keep the radiant heat from igniting the shrubs, fences, decks and houses.

Two days later when I returned to the neighborhood where I had been, I was amazed to see a home standing where all the rest had burned. This wood-sided home had a proper vegetation clearance around it, a Class A fire-retardant roof, and clean gutters; it survived while everything around it went up in smoke.

Fire experts say that every Indian summer is a potential" fire season whether or not it f a drought or a wet season.

In almost every major firefighters report one or two they call "stand-alones." That that no one intervened to st house, yet, while everything burned to the ground, the alone did not. The stand alo likely to have been one with roof, was well-maintained and the proper vegetation clearance maybe a little luck. Increase luck — invest a few weekend creasing the fire potential o house.

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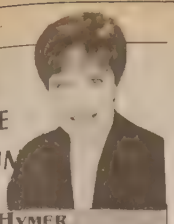
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A look at financing clauses

Most buyers get a mortgage when they buy a home, often for 80 to 95 percent of the purchase price. Therefore, most purchase contracts include a contingency for the buyers to obtain the financing they need to complete the purchase.

Precisely how the financing contingency is worded varies from one contract to the next. It could simply state that the offer is contingent on the buyers qualifying for financing, without having any reference to the property appraising for the purchase price.

When the buyers' contract is contingent on their getting a large mortgage, relative to the property value, an appraisal contingency may not be necessary. If the buyers need a loan for 90 to 95 percent of the purchase price, their loan probably won't be approved for the amount they need, if the property appraises for less than the purchase price.

Low appraisal

For example, suppose the buyer's agreed to pay $200,000 for a home. They have 10 percent cash to put down; they need to get a mortgage for 90 percent of the purchase price, or $180,000.

If the home appraises for only $195,000, and the lender will only grant a loan for 90 percent of the appraised value, the buyers will be approved for a $175,500 mortgage — $4,500 less than they need to close the sale.

In this example, even if the contract doesn't include an appraisal contingency stating that the home must appraise for the purchase price, the buyers have some protection against overpaying. The lender simply won't approve a $180,000 mortgage. So the buyers don't need an appraisal contingency.

The buyers could choose to go through with the deal if they have an extra $4,500 to put down. Or they could ask the sellers to reduce the price to the appraised value. Otherwise, they can probably get released from the contract and have their deposit returned.

Large down payment

Buyers who make a large cash down payment relative to the mortgage amount won't have the same protection if they make an offer without an appraisal contingency.

Let's say you buy a $200,000 home and you have $50,000 to put down. The home appraises low at $195,000 but the lender is willing to give you a loan for 80 percent of the appraised value— $156,000 in this example. Since you only need a $150,000 mortgage, your loan will probably be approved.

Buyers who pay all cash for a home don't need a financing contingency. They have the money required to close. But, they often include a contingency for the home to appraise for the purchase price to make sure they aren't paying too much for the property.

Is it a big mistake to pay more for a property than the appraised value?

Is it a big mistake to pay more for a home than its appraised value? Not necessarily.

Not necessarily. Appraisals are somewhat subjective. Two appraisals of the same property, done at the same time, won't necessarily come in at the same value. There is usually a range of acceptable market value for a property.

Changing values

Also, property values are in a constant state of flux. It's more difficult to pin point a value when the market is changing. When values are rising, yesterday's sales may be out of date in terms of what buyers are paying today for similar properties. When values are falling, comparable sales from a few months ago may be higher than current market value.

So, when values are rising, paying a little more than the appraised value isn't a major issue for most buyers. Appreciation will probably make up the difference shortly. But buyers are usually more sensitive to overpaying, even by a small amount, when values are either stable or declining.

Paying a little more than the appraised value when you find exactly the property you want isn't a sin, particularly if you've looked for awhile with no luck, and you're sure you won't have to move again soon. It's not always easy to find a home that suits your particular needs.

Buyers bidding against other buyers in multiple offer competition might want to forego an appraisal contingency — that is if they don't mind overpaying a little. Often the offer for the best price with the fewest contingencies is the one accepted by the sellers.

But if you only want to buy a home if it appraises for the purchase price, your best protection is to specify this as a contingency in the purchase contract.

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Life as an estimator

By David Lyons

Sometimes I think I learn more from the questions I'm asked than from the things I'm told. An old friend that I see only very occasionally these days recently asked me if I were still 'estimating'? Like most people, he knew that for several years real estate has done rather poorly.

He thought I may have employed some of my other talents and left real estate behind. I guess the work 'appraiser' just didn't register in his mental dictionary. The answer to the question, of course, is: Yes! That's exactly what I do. I am an estimator.

There are significant differences between what I do in my estimation of current market value of residential real properties and what some other estimators do. When I think of an estimator, I think of the young woman who looked at my car last year after I was involved in a minor traffic accident.

First, she took photographs of my car. I take photographs when I perform an appraisal. Next, she did a visual inspection of the damaged area. I make a detailed visual inspection of every property I appraise and produce a detailed drawing showing all levels of living area and major features of the exterior such a pools, patios and outbuildings.

Then, she asked me about the accident and took notes on the information I provided. I do a similar interview during my inspection visit, often learning valuable information that only the homeowner knows. But here we part company.

Her next step would be to estimate the dollar amount of the repairs necessary to the fender and bumper, presumably relying on her employer's schedule of repair costs. She would then add the costs of the repairs and the total would be her estimate of the repair cost for my vehicle.

Judging by the questions I am sometimes asked, I know that some people think that, as an appraiser, I look in a book and estimate the value of their home by adding up a series of numbers taken from a professional appraiser's schedule. So much for each bedroom; so much for a remodeled kitchen; so much for a view and so forth. Then I total the numbers and that tells me how much the home is worth.

In fact, there is an approach to appraisal based on this method. It is called Cost Approach Analysis but this method only gives accurate results in special circumstances such as brand new housing or highly unusual properties like churches. To estimate the value of a residence, the method that gives the most accurate, consistent results is called Sales Comparison Analysis. Instead of looking at a cost schedule, appraisers look at several data sources containing information on recently sold homes.

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case with the historic First Unitarian Church of Oakland, at 14th and Castro Streets.

Here the congregation has revived itself from near extinction, and is now well underway with a two-phase restoration project that will preserve the original architectural character of their historic property.

The First Unitarian Church of Oakland is the earliest, and certainly the most outstanding example of a Romanesque-Revival style church in California. An Oakland architect designed the building in 1889; the church was dedicated in 1891.

It includes the auditorium and bell tower at the corner of 14th and Castro, and the adjacent Thomas Starr King meeting room facing 14th Street. The entire property is now designated as a city, state, and national historic landmark, a triple honor awarded to very few structures in California.

The massive corner bell tower, Romanesque arches, and imposing brick-and sandstone walls create a feeling of medieval solidity reminiscent of some of the Romanesque-Revival churches on the East Coast, such as Boston's famous Trinity Church on Copley Square. On the ceiling of the spectacular nave, (now called the auditorium) are the longest redwood beams west of the Mississippi River, 55 feet long and carved from first-growth redwood trees in the East Bay Hills.

The several exquisite stained glass windows in the auditorium are among the finest in the state. They include a rose window with a recreation of Millet's "The Sower" above the chancel, and a second rose window depicting "The Seer of Patmos" above the entrance. Five windows lining the entrances along 14th Street depict founding figures of the Unitarian Church such as William Ellery Channing and Thomas Starr King. About 250 of the original wooden pews still remain inside the auditorium.

The walls of the First Unitarian Church have witnessed several important historic events and the church has many prominent persons. Isidora Duncan is said to have performed her first public dance here.

The UNESCO organization of the United Nations was founded here during the international conference held to inaugurate the U.N. in San Francisco in 1945. Swami Vivekenanda, the spiritual father of the Vedanta Society religion, came here twice: in 1893 on his way to the World Congress of Religions at the Chicago World's Fair, and in 1900 to give a series of lectures.

In 1911 President William Howard Taft, himself a Unitarian, spoke to a capacity crowd in the auditorium after dedicating Oakland's new City Hall. Herbert Hoover also spoke here before he became president.

Around the turn of the century, famous local writers Jack London, Frank Norris, and Bret Harte all discussed literary matters in the conference room in the east wing of the complex. The facility is now called the Thomas Starr King Room.

All of this history was almost lost to future generations when the congregation nearly voted to abandon the old building in 1985. According to Laurel Eber, a long time church member who is on the Capital Campaign Committee to restore the complex, the congregation had dwindled to about 20 by the early 1980s. In 1985 after much soul searching, they voted to stay in the original facility decided to rebuild. Today, the church has 250 members.

Laurel Eber explained the importance of the congregation's decision to restore their historic facility. "Restoration of our historic building marks a milestone in our commitment to stay in downtown Oakland, and support the revitalization of the surrounding Gateway District," she said.

"With support from the community and the City of Oakland, Phase One, (restoration and remodeling of the Thomas Starr King Room into two levels) is fully funded and now under construction. We are hopeful for equal support for Phase Two, the restoration of the auditorium and bell tower."

Jack Shepherd, restoration director for both of these projects, described how the overall goal of the church restoration is to make the complex an integral part of the historic Preservation Park when the work is completed by mid 1999. There are also plans to restore the Greene Library at 14th Street and Martin Luther King Way.

Until the 1950s, the Greene served as Oakland's downtown public library; the building was closed after sustaining damage in the 1989 earthquake. State grants and City of Oakland bonds will be used to convert the Greene into the African American Museum and Library. These two historic structures will become cultural anchors for a revitalized Gateway District.

The firm of the late San Francisco architect William Turnbull did the conceptual design for Phase One of the restoration. Frank, Goring, and Straja Architects, who used to be part of Turnbull's firm is carrying out the design work and supervision of Phase Two.

Most of the existing historic materials within the church are being reused in the restoration project, The old exterior bricks made by the Peter Remillard company are being saved for reuse in the courtyard. Remillard's 1886 house is part of the adjacent Preservation Park.

Craftspeople are re... ing all the original chair... auditorium and restorin... wood. And the circa 191... Nouveau hanging lights f... old PG&E. Building ne... be reinstalled when the ... tion is completed in abou... years.

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ities such as pool or tennis court.

It is only now that the process of estimating begins. The appraiser estimates the dollar amount of the real estate market's reaction to the differences between the subject and each recent sale.

For example, suppose that the subject and a comparable are exactly the same in all respects except that the subject has an inground swimming pool. It is the appraiser's task to estimate the amount that the market (that is, the current crop of willing buyers) will pay for a pool in that neighborhood.

The best way to get this estimate is to find what is known as a matched pair. That's a pair of recently sold homes differing in only one feature. Several years ago, in a small, uniform development of eight-year-old homes in eastern Alameda County, I found that the value of such a pool was only about $8,000.

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It turns out that, in most cases, simply assigning a number based on construction costs is grossly inaccurate estimation. The reliable and accurate method involves looking at a lot of sales, finding out as much detail as you can about each of them and using that information to estimate how much buyers will pay for each feature.

If a homeowner has just paid $25,000 for a new kitchen, an appraiser cannot just assume that the kitchen is worth $25,000 in the marketplace. It may be worth that amount, or more or less. But its value can only be accurately estimated by careful inspection and consideration of recent market sales.

David Lyons is a State Certified Residential Appraiser, a State Accredited Affiliate of the Appraisal Institute. He owns East Bay Appraisal Service in Berkeley and can be reached at 525-6683.

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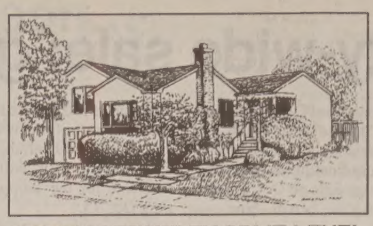
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Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by El Cerrito artist Regine Pressler. Her collection "Women Series" will be on exhibit from Oct. 10 through Jan. 2. Meet the artist at a reception in her honor at the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home, log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

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Join the Orchid Society of California in a celebration of its 60th anniversary. The society will host a free **Orchid Show and Sale,** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun. Nov. 8 and 9 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland's Lakeside Park. Notable orchid companies will sell a great variety of orchids and will have plants on hand to accomodate orchid lovers from the novice to the discriminating collector. Enjoy magnificent displays with exotic orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

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OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

1474 GRANDVIEW, Claremont Hills, 3+bd/3+ba, new constr, vws $925,000
Pacific Union, K. Callahan 339-6460

6205 MATHIEU, Upr Rockridge, 4bd/3+ba tudor, fine craftsmanship $759,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5455 HILLTOP CRESCENT, 4/4+, level-in custom home, pano vws $759,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5108 COCHRANE, Upr Rockridge, just built! 5bd/3+ba w/bay views! $695,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978

2215 BYWOOD DR, Oakmore, 6/4, stately manor, custom features $679,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhakl 339-6460

1098 AMITO, Claremont Hills, 4bd/3+ba, new, custom, bay views $639,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

6431 BROOKSIDE, Upper Rockridge, 4/2 nw construction, elegant $629,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hoover 704-9400

1055 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair, beaut.nw constr, 4+/2½ w/views! $599,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

6041 GIRVIN, Fab SF bay views! Best Montclair location, 4000sf $598,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

6201 ACACIA Av, Price reduced! 4/3, nw spac.Tudor. Level-in, pano $579,000
hills vw, 3 decks, 3fp, mst suite, study. Prime location. Agt/Richard 559-9134

5316 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge, 3+bd/2+ba, nw constr, patio, gdn $579,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

29 HOLYROOD MANOR, P.Pines, new price! dramatic 3+bd/2½ba $575,000
The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400

6006 WOOD DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, remodeled, patio, office $549,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

6173 GIRVIN DR, Elegance w/a View! Montclair 4/3, huge kitchen $549,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

5560 COUNTRY CLUB, Claremont Pines, 3bd/2+ba, remod kit/baths $549,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

5925 WESTOVER DR, Montclair, stylish 3+bd/2½ba, views, decks $549,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

6700 GUNN, Montclair, spacious, stately, lovely 5bd/4ba $539,000
Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roesster 531-7000 X204

6267 Crown, Montclair lndmrkl *Romantic Mission Revival Retreat* $495,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

3015 BURDECK DR, Oak. Hills, nw listing! custom 3/2½, pool, vws $486,000
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

868 TRESTLE GLEN RD, 3bd/2½ba, beautiful, upgraded, double lot $469,500
Gadsby & Associates, Abby 748-5300

6865 OAKWOOD Dr, Montclair 4bd/3+b, bright contemp, canyon vw $469,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6848 ARMOUR DR, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, a rare find! quality, views $465,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

829 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, 5/2½ trad'l, double lot, creekside $459,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

34 OVAL RD, Montclair, 3/2 trad'l, huge lot, grt garden & decks $459,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

7032 SAYRE Dr, Montclair, 2 bldgs for the price of 1. Remod 4/2 $439,000
+sep. 7 rm office/in-law. Immaculate! **OWC/Trade** A&M 339-3400 **SUNDAY 1-5**

5231 GOLDEN GATE AVE, Updtd 20's 3bd/2ba Spanish bungalow $425,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4 bds w/2½ba **HIGH**
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trails, easy commute. 430-9633 **OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6** and up

21 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller, upgraded 4/4, (3 mstrs), SF/bridge vw $395,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

6601 HEATHER Ridge, Fully rehabbed, 1st open! 4/3, fam rm off kit $389,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

1960 OAKVIEW Dr, 1st open! 3bd/2½ba, fab vwl 2-level contemp $379,500
Richardson Real Estate, Georgia 569-3499

2035 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba close to Village $379,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Forquer 869-4263

2061 BRAEMAR RD, Oakmore, custom 3+/3½, ofc, aupair, vw, deck $375,000
Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantine 339-1174

4016 OAKMORE RD, 3bd/1+ba, pristine tudor, kit/family rm, bsmnt $369,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

1941 GOULDEN RD, Montclair, 1st open! woodsy, serene, 4bd/3ba $369,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

5601 SNAKE RD, 3+bd/2ba, new listing! walk to Village, lg fam rm $369,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

1077 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Crocker, sunny 3/2½ Med, lovely garden $359,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

5021 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT, 3bd/2½ba, pano vw, FDR, garden $359,000
Cornish & Carey, Mike sullivan 339-8900

2300 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, nw listing, private park $349,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

1395 ALVARADO, Oakland/Berkeley border. Treetop retreat! 3/2½ $349,000
w/bay vw, mstr bdrm w/frpl. Diana Yonkouski/Agt 486-1440 **SUNDAY 2-4**

4106 OAKMORE, 3+bd/2b, FDR, hdwds, family rm opens to level yd $345,000
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

6828 ESTATES DR, Montclair, bay & hill vws! 3+/2, patios & deck $339,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

1773 INDIAN WAY, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, sunfilled, grt setting $337,000
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

6217 MERRIEWOOD, Montclair, 3bd/2ba darling cottage, bay vws $329,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

7030 SNAKE RD, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, reduced! pvt setting, bay vw! $327,500
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

1536 WELLINGTON, Unique, old world charm + renovation, 2/2 $319,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

1175 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker trad'l, 3/2, FDR, +rm for ofc, garden $319,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

1832 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 2+/2 adorable starter nr Village $319,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

5821 MORPETH ST, 1st open! 2 lg bdrms, FDR, new kitchen $319,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

6879 BRISTOL DR, New price! sunfilled 3/2 contemp, home office $315,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

6050 SKYLINE BL, Montclair, 1st open! 2++/2+, bay views, patio $310,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

260 ELYSIAN FIELDS, Custom brick ranch, 3/2, 2 frpl, EIK, reduced $310,000
Richardson Real Estate, Georgia 569-3499

2925 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, 3bd/2ba, 1st open, A-1! vw, 2 frpl $309,000
Cornish & Carey, Rachel Baller 530-3860

2041 MELVIN RD, Oakmore, smashing 3/2+ contemp, lg kitchen $309,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

958 WARFIELD, 3/2, 2 plus rooms lower level, frpl, rich wood detail $307,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

363 ELYSIAN FIELDS, 4/2 custom ranch, lg LR & mstr, 2 frpls, yd $305,000
Richardson Real Estate, Georgia 569-3499

2901 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, 3/2½, reduced! view, deep lot $299,000
Cornish & Carey, Rachel Baller 530-3860

2989 BUTTERS DR, 2bd/2ba, bay vw, den, hdwds, sauna, blt 1990 $299,000
Cornish & Carey, Jan Neff 339-8900

4359 TERRABELLA PL, Move right in! 3bd/2ba, rooms w/a view! $299,000
The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

994 VERMONT ST, Upr Lakeshore, 4bd/1+ba, 2300 sf, views! $289,500
Cornish & Carey, Tom Nemeth 652-6537

5246 MILES, Rockridge (cross st Clifton), 1600sf, 3bd, yd, deck $289,500
Investco 834-9033

7717 CLAREMONT AVE, 3/2+ smart contemporary, close to shops $289,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

1307 TRESTLE GLEN RD, 1st open! Charming Med, updtd EIK $28...
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

7912 PHAETON, Sequoyah Hills, 4bd/2½ba with curb appeal $28...
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Myrtice Wong 869-4252

6636 HEARTWOOD, Montclair, 2+bd/2ba sweet home, pvt patio $28...
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

112 GLENWOOD GLADE, Montclair, 3+/2+, new listing! creekside $28...
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

3961 HANLY RD, Oakmore, just listed! 3bd/2½ba, family room $28...
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

3424 VICTOR AVE, Redwood Hts, 3bd/2b, nw listing! deep level lot $27...
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

1750 ARROWHEAD, Montclair, 3/2½, level patio, hdwds, att'd gar $27...
Cornish & Carey, Hal Castle 339-9778

6233 THORNHILL, Montclair, magical, woodsy, charm! 2++bd/1ba $27...
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434

4344 FRUITVALE, 1st open! Medit villa. 2/2, in-law, garden, SF vw $26...
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536

5680 ESTATES DR, Upr Oakmore, 2+bd/2ba, look me over! $26...
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

24 GLENEDEN, Piedmont Ave, 2bd/1ba attractive bungalow, lg yd $25...
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

4530 CLAREWOOD DR, Rockridge, 2bd/2½ba lg choice townhouse $25...
Cornish & Carey, Carol Cohen 339-8900

5901 LEONA ST, Just listed! Remodeled 5bd/4ba, private, nice $25...
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528 61st ST, Oakland duplex $25...
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

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3438 MONTEREY BL, 3bd/3ba, needs a little TLC, in-law setup $25...
Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300

5744 GRISBORNE, Montclair, 1+/1 superb Engl.cottage, grt location $24...
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Dana Eng 869-4230

4016 FRUITVALE, Lower Oakmore, 3bd/2ba fab rehab, move in! $24...
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

4351 TOWNSEND, Glenview, 3bdrm, must sell/sellers relocated! $24...
Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900

508 ATHOL AVE, (Cross street Brooklyn) China Hill, 3bd/1½ba with $23...
family room. New Listing! Valva Realty, Michael Valva 451-7317

3409 GUIDO, Redwood Hts, 3bd/1ba, new listing! charming Med $23...
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1294 HOLMAN RD, Crocker Highlnds, 2/1, FDR, expansion space $23...
Cornish & Carey, Anida Weyl 339-8900

3315 SARAZEN, Oakland Hills, 1st open, cul-de-sac, 3/2, bonus rm $23...
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

4076 WHITTLE, Upr Dimond, 3+bd/1+ba, updtd kit/baths, hdwds, yd $23...
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

4228 TERRACE St, Pied.Ave, grt location/price! 2bd w/all upgrades $22...
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 644-5448

4045 WHITTLE, Upper Dimond, 3bd/1ba, remod kit/bath, pvt back yd $22...
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

7373 SARONI, Serene, peaceful Montclair cottage, wkshop space $21...
Coldwell Banker, A. Broche 339-1174

1443 EXCELSIOR, Glenview, 2bd/1b, redone & ready super starter $21...
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3951 WHITTLE AV, Dimond, 3+b/1b bungalow, hdwds, gdn, charm $21...
Cornish & Carey, Victor Fierro 832-4339

200 LAKESIDE #403, Lake Merritt, 3/2, elegant entry, hdwds, frpl $21...
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

4015 FOREST HILL, 2bd/1ba, 1st open! gardener's delight! $21...
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

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Emergency needn't mean panic

El Nino is creating a consumer frenzy for home repairs in the Bay Area, according to The Trades Guild, a free consumer referral service for locating quality home improvement contractors. Over the past few months, consumer calls to the Alameda-based service have increased 25 percent compared to a year ago.

"Requests for roofing, gutters, drainage systems, retaining walls, new window installations and exterior painting are all at the top of the list and contractors are all booked well into November," said Bonnie Headlee, executive director of The Trades Guild.

Headlee advises consumers not to panic and hire the first available contractor. During times of high demand, unlicensed and unskilled workers often pose as contractors and take advantage of desperate homeowners. She views the current situation as one with all the ingredients of a "contractor horror story" as panicked homeowners forgo common sense, hire unlicensed workers and give them large down payments.

"Before you hire a contractor or give one any money, check the contractor out carefully," said Headlee. "Be especially careful of hiring a contractor who solicits business by knocking on your door or leaving flyers in your mailbox. There are good contractors out there — it's just a matter of finding them."

Homeowners who need help on checking out contractors can obtain a free copy of "Hints for Hiring a Tradesperson" from The Trades Guild. This pamphlet lists the steps homeowners should take before hiring a contractor and includes basic information concerning written agreements.

The brochure is available online at The Trades Guild's Web site, www.trades-guild.com. Alameda County residents can call 547-3337; Contra Costa residents call 820-2766

Since 1989 The Trades Guild has helped thousands of Bay Area property owners find reliable, reputable tradespeople. It has given more than 100,000 referrals in more than 60 home-improvement categories such as kitchen/bath remodeling, landscaping and custom woodworking.

The Trades Guild carefully screens and interviews contractors who apply for membership. Strict requirements include: proper licensing, bonding and insurance verification; a complaint-free record and written references from previous customers.

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sophisticated transaction and few real estate brokers actually do this. Only 2,000 licensed brokers filed with the DRE in 1995, 100 with the DOC. But that is precisely the issue Kuykendall's bill is attempting to address. Reeder said most people are confused and follow the DRE, not the DOC regulations.

The law would codify the DOC regulations dealing with multi-lender transactions by transferring those regulations to the DRE. There has been little or no opposition to the bill, Reeder added. These bills are all good ideas, but despite our legislator's best efforts, real estate fraud will probably never go away. It will always be with us because as long as money is involved some one will seek to take advantage of anomalies in existing laws.

Allow me to give you an example of one other problem which still exists and is in need of a legislative solution. It has to do with jurisdiction and in the past has resulted in a potential quandary for the two mortgage regulating departments of the state, the above referenced DRE and the DOC.

At the moment, mortgage lenders may be regulated by both the Department of Corporations and the Department of Real Estate according to Ken Nagashima, special administrator with the DOC in Los Angeles.

"There is not a prohibition on holding either or both licenses," Nagashima said. He agreed that there is an "overlap of the two sets of laws. A licensee may make an election as to which they want to be under."

Lowell Hoxie, a Santa Clara mortgage broker, was able to delay for years the uncovering of his scam by claiming that the DRE did not have the right to examine his books because he was under the jurisdiction of the DOC. When the DOC came calling, he used the same argument in reverse.

None of the new laws address this issue: Who has ultimate jurisdiction over mortgage brokers with both licenses?

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Cali-Flora



Jan Hall

It's the right stuff

Today, while working for a customer, one of my chores was to spread several bags of composted steer manure onto one of the flower beds. Having grown up on a chicken farm and right next to a dairy farm I spent a good deal of my life around manure. Hence the subject of this article.

Every year my folks hosted a Fourth of July party. The first thing my dad did before sending the invitations was to visit Carl, the dairy farmer, and ask him not to spread the manure until the fifth of July. We all suffered only one Fourth of July with the smell of barbecued chicken and cow manure.

The dairy farm spread cow manure upon its pastures and hay fields for a number of reasons. Piles, literally 20 feet high, would accumulate from daily cleaning of the stanchions (places where cows stood). Spreading it on the fields reduced the size of the piles. Getting rid of the manure was one aim, but it also enriched the soil and added a modicum of nitrogen and phosphorous.

The value of manure is in the eye of the beholder. I use it quite liberally as a supply of organic matter, a source of beneficial soil microorganisms, and a low grade nitrogen fertilizer.

I checked a number of references before writing this and none of the authors agree with me, so take what I say as anecdotal information.

In the fall I amend my vegetable garden with bags and bags of manure. Through a number of natural processes much of the nitrogen source will have disappeared by Spring. My main purpose is to add organic matter. There will still be some residual nitrogen for my germinating seeds.

In the fall and spring I add steer manure to my lawn for the same reason - to add organic matter and some nitrogen.

Scientifically speaking if you want to add 10 pounds of nitrogen to 1000 square feet then you must use 50 pounds of fresh cow manure (I could find no figure for composted manure). Sounds like a lot, but actually it is not. One sack (two cubic feet) will cover about 24 square feet to a depth of one inch. That means about four sacks for 1000 square feet - that will cost you about six dollars. Not bad!

One of the references I checked recommended using manure only when preparing the soil for installing a lawn. I have applied composted cow manure to an existing lawn at approximately a quarter of an inch thickness and had the lawn green up within a week. Another bit of information - is when I took the turf class at Merritt College the instructor recommended addition of 1/4 inch organic matter to lawns a minimum of twice a year.

Three of the reasons I am so enamored with manure are:

- being low in nitrogen content I cannot over fertilize plants and, therefore, do not burn the plant:
- organic is a nice touch. I feel protective of the environment when I use natural rather than synthetic materials;
- manure is easy for me to store, it does not need special attention as do synthetic fertilizers.

I have found small bags (one cubic foot) of manure at Home Depot for about 65 cents. It is not the price that is so great, but the bag size. I can lift it quite easily, in fact I can even toss it into my truck.

It's wise to check with authorities but you should also give things a try on your own.

In gardening it is wise to check with authorities and read directions, but I find that you must also give things a try on your own. Sometimes you discover some useful practices that go against the prevailing thought. So, I say to you — to manure or not to manure - it is a matter of choice (or is that compost?).

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

3812 HARBOR VIEW AV, Charm! 2bd, hdwds, LR w/bay vw, gardn $218,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

4629 MOUNTAIN BLVD, 4bd/3½ba, fixer, large corner lot, hdwds. $217,000
Motivated Seller. New Price Reduction! Tom Gee Realtor 540-6547

3801 LINWOOD, Glenview, 2+/1+ & 1/1, new listing, great duplex! $210,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

4787 FAIR AVE, Upr High St. Terrace, 3/2, grt workshop, hdwd firs, $209,500
bonus room down, good value! The Prudential Landmark RE, B. Clark 549-8119

5157 SHAFTER AV, Charming 1909 Rockridge bungalow, xtra lg lot $209,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

2520 ALIDA, Sunny 2bd, bay view, pvt setting, nw paint in & out! $209,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

1808 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE, Pied.Ave. lg 2/1, owner motivated $204,900
Cornish & Carey, Ken Ferrell 339-8900

3615 WOODRUFF (cross st Excelsior), Glenview 3/1½, new listing! $198,500
Investco 834-9033 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

3609 COLUMBIAN DR, 2bd/1ba Hacienda style w/detached cottage. $197,000
Woodsy backyard. Realty World Columbia, Yvette Rose 530-3485 **SUNDAY 2-5**

3051 REVERE AVE, Sheffield Village, 2 bedroms $194,000
ReMax West, Carolyn 461-0303

4601 MOUNTAIN BI, 2/1½ ranch, charm, airy, immaculate, 2-car gar $190,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Sharon Greene 523-9421 **SUNDAY 2-4**

3839 CANON AVE, Glenview, 2/1, price slashed! FDR, ++rooms $189,000
Cornish & Carey, anida Weyl 339-8900

559 63rd ST, 3 bedroom, 1⅛ baths, level lot, 1-car garage $170,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Margaret Boyer 869-4248

472 CAVOUR, Rockridge, 3 bedrooms, 1¼ baths, hardwood floors $169,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

3245 HILLEN DR, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba w/central heat & air $169,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Anne Deichler 644-5400

912 E. 10th STREET, 2bd/1½ba live/work condo, new construction $169,000
Martino Real Estate 523-9300 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

2948 FRUITVALE AVE, 2bd/1ba, charming bungalow, deck, value! $159,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

1340 EAST 36th ST, Glenview, 2bd bungalow, remod kit & bath $149,500
Gallagher & Lindsey, Carol 747-1626/kathy 747-1627 **SUNDAY 2-4**

7044 OUTLOOK, Privacy! pano bay vwl 2/1½, grt condition, big lot $149,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 **SUNDAY 2-5**

862 65th ST, No. Oakland, 2/1 Berkeley border bungalow, +studio $147,000
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

2060 BONA ST, Immaculate 2bd/1ba, a perfect 10! $142,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236

3435 E. 24th ST, New listing! 3bd/1½ba, plus warehouse/shed, $139,900
and basement. Art Realty 465-4805 **SUNDAY 2-5**

377 43rd ST, No. Oakland, updated, bsmnt, 1-car garage/studio? $135,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521

851 45TH St, Spotless 2bd/1b, very nr Childrens Hosp/No.Oakland $127,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300

1721 67th ST, 2 bedrooms, formal dining room, laundry $120,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 286-7502 **SUNDAY 2-4**

555 JEAN ST #625, Rose Garden, 2bd/1ba condo, grt location! $113,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pat Conrad 869-4245

2455 LOMA VISTA AVE, New listing! 2bd/1ba, yard & garage $105,000
Art Realty 465-4805

2768 HARRISON #101, 1/1, sunset & views from deck, move in! $ 73,500
Cornish & Carey, Tom ERwin 339-8900 X230

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

4 DANBROOK CT, 2bd/2ba, new listing! upgraded, level back yd $269,500
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

ALBANY Open Sunday

1050 NEILSON, 4/3, study/retreat, quality, bay vw, storage, xtras+ $425,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Terese Ashman 524-1700 X11 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1457 THOUSAND OAKS, New listing! 3/1, hdwds, frpl, yd, grt opp! $239,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 **SUNDAY 2-4**

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

1675 LA LOMA, Remodled Victorian, 4/4½, 3-car garage & studio! $1,150,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **SUNDAY 2-4**

85 HILLCREST Rd, Claremont Splendor! 4-story, 7/5, ballrm, sunrms $925,000
Coldwell Banker, Lynne Bantle 339-1174

7067 DEVON WAY, Claremont Hills 3/2½ Medit Masterpiece $890,000
Cornish & Carey, Harry Kress 531-2140

1168 KEITH AVE, Elegant retreat, 3bd/2½ba craftsman, mint! view $589,000
Mason-McDuffie, Norah Brower 845-0200 **SUNDAY 2-5**

417 SPRUCE, 3bd +separate studio, grt for enteraining/EZ living $575,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **SUNDAY 2-4**

608 SANTA ROSA, Thousand Oaks, special 2/1 Med w/bay views! $369,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **SUNDAY 2-5**

2636 STUART St, In the Heart of Elmwood. 4bd/1½b w/beautiful LR $359,000
Realty Advocates 428-0757

1395 ALVARADO, Oakland/Berkeley border. Treetop retreat! 3/2½, $349,000
bay view, mstr bdrm w/frpl. Diana Yonkouski/Agt. 486-1440 **SUNDAY 2-4**

91 AVENIDA, New listing! peaceful 3/1½, FDR, frpl, hdwds, garage $285,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 **SUNDAY 1:30-4:30**

1805 DWIGHT WAY, Berkeley, home & cottage $275,000
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1451 HENRY ST, Cute 2+ bedroom, "Gourmet Ghetto" $265,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Miriam Wilson 898-9411

1364 ROSE ST, No. Berkeley 2bd/2b split level, sunny, FDR, plus rm $259,000
Thornwall Properties, Arlette Schlitt-Gerson 848-1950 X229 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2447 ASHBY, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath $259,000
Coldwell Banker, Lorri Arazi 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1187 STERLING, 3/1½ in No.Berk.Hills, contractors special/fixer! $249,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 **SUNDAY 2-4**

721-723 Peralta, Reduced! 2/1 & 1bd cottage, fab location, nds wrk $239,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X117 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1142 FRANCISCO, New listing! 2+/1, remod.kit, hdwds, skylights! $199,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1412 STANNAGE, No. Berk. best buy! 2/1, skylites, yd w/fruit trees $179,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1825 VINE #3, 1 bedroom, 1 bath $144,500
Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1825 VINE #5, Berkeley 1bd/1ba $137,000
Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2771 DOHR, Sunny 2bd, big kitchen & yd, wild bath! don't miss! $124,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 **SUNDAY 2-4**

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

1907 HUDSON ST, E.C. Hills, immaculate 3/2 w/quality upgrades $261,900
Mason-McDuffie, Lisa Friedman 834-2010 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

217 CARMEL AVE, Grt Fatapple nghbrhd, 3/1½, big kitchn, storage $229,000
Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Todd Hodson 273-9515 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1244 RICHMOND St, Updtd 3/2, lg mstr, frpl, hdwd, wkshop, lg lot $225,000
Security Pacific, Jamie Lake 843-9017 **SUNDAY 12-2:30**

2302 GLORIA, 2/1½ nwly remdld, vws, terraced grdn, garage, +room $205,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X119 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2528 NASON AVE, 2bd/1ba, new listing! Bay & Mt. Tam vw, garden $189,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

6509 STOCKTON, Charming 2/1, FDR, frpl, yd, garage, nds TLC $159,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 **SUNDAY 2-4**

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4300 HORTON ST #13, 1+bd/1+ba, 1400 sq ft loft in warehouse $215,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 **SUNDAY 2-4**

HAYWARD Open Sunday

28100 FOX HOLLOW DRIVE $385,000
Prudential California Realty, Lynn 888-6324 **SUNDAY 1-4**

874 RODNEY, 3 bedrooms $225,000
Robert Jones & Associates, Bob 357-0120 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2242 BELEVEDERE AVE, 2 bedroom townhouse $117,500
Terry Plunkett, Broker 537-3007 **SUNDAY 1-4**

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

64 HIGHGATE RD, 3 lg bdrms, 2½ba, lg rumpus, private garden $525,000
Mason-McDuffie, L. Osmundson 845-0200

250 AMHERST, Charming 4+bd/3ba incl. mstr suite, deck, bay vws $439,000
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 **SUNDAY 2-4**

177 ARLINGTON AVE, Spacious 3bd/2½ba w/beautiful bay views, $399,500
custom built. Wilson Properties 376-7726 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

207 ESTATES DR, 5bd/3+ba English tudor, custom kit; gardens $1,195,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

6 PACIFIC AVE, 5bd/3+ba, new listing! renovated, central location $1,050,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

129 BONITA, Grand & gracious w/elegant entry stairway, FDR $929,500
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

41 KING, Magnificent Mediterranean, 3bdrm plus aupair! $899,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Vickie Robinson 644-5411 **SUNDAY 1-5**

305 BLAIR AVE, 3bd/2ba trad'l, level garden, location! $855,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092

209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny trad'l, updtd kit, 3+/3½, level to gardens $849,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

911 MORAGA AVE, One of a kind! double lot, great rm, guest hse $749,000
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

151 SANDRINGHAM RD, 30's Spanish colonial, 4/3¼, fam rm, study $749,000
The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400

25 WISTERIA WAY, 1st open! style & elegance! 4bd, secluded deck $719,000
The GRUBB Company, Anlan Tunney 339-0400

10 BLAIR PL, New listing! 4++/3 rancher, front gdn, library, 2 frpl $650,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

116 LATHAM ST, Elegant 3bd/2ba trad'l, hdwds, garden, nr transp $479,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

238 PALM DR, 3bd/2ba, darling cosmetic fixer, yard, nr schools $359,500
Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460

109 YORK DRIVE, 2bd/1ba, pristine bungalow $325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

RICHMOND Open Sunday

661 33rd ST, N&E, 2bd/1ba, beautiful yd, move in conditon! garage $129,000
Thornwall Properties, Naomi Kane 848-1950 X238 **SUNDAY 2-4**

5036 CLINTON AVE, N&E, sunny & clean 3/1 w/lg yard/fruit trees $115,000
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Alice McLeish 526-1101 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

3051 REVERE AVE, Sheffield Village, 2 bedrooms $194,500
ReMax West, Carolyn 461-0303 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

2521 GALLEON, Lovely 2/2 condo, grt location! all appl., pool, spa $149,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 **SUNDAY 2-4**

479 OLIVE ST, 2 bedrooms $140,900
Independent Brokers, Rick 278-5800 **SUNDAY 1-4**

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.
DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Goings On About Town

Children

Ongoing

Youth Enrichment Classes; starting in September; cooking, drawing, knitting, sewing, music exploration, kids aerobics, youth yoga, Y Basketball League, girl's volleyball; Albany YMCA; call for a brochure and more information, 525-1130.

Museum of Children's Art; The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Berkeley Public Library

Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., through Nov. 19; bring your very young children (up to age 3) for programs of songs, rhymes, simple picture books and fingerplays; each half-hour story time includes multicultural materials, some guitar playing, and at least one song or rhyme in Spanish; West Branch, 1125 University Ave; 644-6870.

Lawrence Hall of Science

New Science and Math After School Classes; registration begins Sept. 6; classes being Oct. 6; enrich your child's experiences with LHS after-school classes for preschool through high school students. Classes meet once a week at 4 p.m., for eight weeks; programs include two "sampler" classes for K-1 students: Scaring Up Science and Math, featuring slime and hair-raising fun with electricity, and Colorful Science and Math, featuring astronomy, animal camouflage, math games, and color mixing. New computer classes include Net Navigator (grades 4 - 6) and Web Page Wonders (grades 5 - 8); 642-5134.

Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, Berkeley; 642- 5123.

Classes

Sept. 25

Public Access Television; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; a free orientation on how to use the resources at Berkeley's public access television center; additional orientations Oct. 8, Oct. 23; $25 membership fee covers the beginning three-part field and edit video classes, beginning Oct. 8; for more details, call 848-2288, ask for Rick Sylvain.

Sept. 26

Beginning French; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Donatella Carta, instructor; a 10 week series at University YMCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley; 848-6370 for information and reservations; $90.

Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Contact-Care Center Fall training classes; Tuesday evenings 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. - noon; the center needs compassionate, caring people to staff the Helplines, a 10 week, 13 session class will prepare you for the job; 284-2270; $75.

Ongoing

Introductory Yoga Class; Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

Exploring Values; 9 a.m. - noon; part of St. John's Senior Center's Cultural Studies program, supported by Berkeley Adult School, sponsored by the National Council on Aging, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, materials encourage examining different viewpoints addressed in each session and invites the readers to explore the reasons why people develop their particular point of view; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 849-0620 or 845-6830.

International Folk Dancing; 7:45 - 9:45 p.m.; eight weeks long; the class will be taught by four eager, enthusiastic instructors who welcome all; no experience necessary! Energetic and fun; Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley; 525-0174; $20 (for eight weeks).

Health, Fitness & Community Education; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; $7 - $10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners, 8 - 9 p.m. intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; $7 for one, $12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio

Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Brasilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; $7 - $9.

Community Events

Sept. 28

PURRS; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Pets are Us Rescue & Renegade Services adoption day; other referrals available on rabbits and other rescued pets; Rockridge Shopping Center, 5144 Broadway, Oakland; 444-3204 for more information.

Gourmet Expectations; 4 - 7 p.m.; a Celebration of the Bay Area's finest food and spirits, a benefit to support hospice and home care for terminally ill patients served by Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Northern California; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave.; 540-8795; $75 ($ 50 tax deductible).

Book Sale; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friends of the Kensington Library, as part of the very first Kensington "Day in the Park," will host a book sale behind the library.

Sept. 29

B-TV Wants to Hear from You; 7 - 9:30 p.m.; Berkeley Community Media invites viewers of B-TV, Channel 25 to give advice and comments about the channel and the organization and to learn more about community television in Berkeley; City Council Chambers, second floor of the BUSD Administration Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Ongoing

Book Fair; noon - 3 p.m.; through Sept. 26; Castro Elementary School PTA, featuring Troll Books, additional sales 7 - 9 p.m. Sept. 25; 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito.

PediatriCare assists children and families who are coping with life-threatening illness and loss. Volunteer recruiting begins Sept. 6. Volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges. 208-3535

Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals; Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate $1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Cener; Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Moms in Community; Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Childcare begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558

Cars for a Cure; help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Fifty-Plus Fitness Association; 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Seeking Volunteers; Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness within their families. PediatriCare volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center

Sept. 25; health; Mary Diamond leads exercises

Oct. 2; 11 a.m.; gardens with Bob Raabe

Call for the regular weekly schedule.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center

Sept. 25; 1 p.m.; video movie "High Noon"

Sept. 26; 1 p.m.; By, For, About Older Women, some good books and other things with Helen Wheeler

Sept. 29; 1 p.m.; documentary, "Taken for a Ride" with Jackie Paul

Oct. 1; 10:45 a.m.; Musical Theater begins, every Wednesday

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits

Oct. 2

Ichiysai Kunihoshi: Samurai Stories; through Dec. 28; 20 woodblock triptychs by 19th century Japanese printmaker, focus particularly on the warrior or Samurai stories and explore a nostalgia for a chivalrous past.

Ongoing

Jennifer Ewing; through Oct. 19; recent paintings and murals by the artist, reception Sept. 28 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Viva! Art Gallery; 1440 University Ave, Berkeley; 548-3791.

Portrait of Spirit: One Story at a Time; through Oct. 24; photos and stories by Billy Howard and Maggie Hoitzberg from 25 individuals with disabilities which shatter common myths and challenges able-bodied people's perceptions of disability; Bade' Museum at the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley.

Photographs by David Sanger; through Dec. 10; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 524-9283.

Oil Paintings; through Oct. 21; an exhibit by Marco Vangelisti; weekends 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; artist reception Sept. 27, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., #42, Berkeley; 540-7843.

Sidney Gordin (1918 - 1996): An Artist's Journey; through Nov. 2; a one person exhibit surveying five decades of painting and sculpture; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Don Melandry; through September; 15-year retrospective of the local Berkeley photographer's work entitled "Local People, Their Portraits and Weddings"; anyone recognizing a person they know in any of the photos wins a complimentary portrait sitting; Espresso Roma Cafe gallery, corner of Hopkins and Monterey.

Gourds; through Oct. 10; Nancy Miller exhibits her unique collection, including gourds decorated with beads, bones, ostrich feathers, black bamboo, and flowers. "It is the gourds themselves, with their great diversity of shape, surface mottling, and color that help determine how the finished work will look," said Miller; Off Center Gallery, 2136 Oxford St., Berkeley; 644-9695.

Beyond the Shadow; through Oct. 26; a dynamic art exhibit featuring works by women who have survived breast cancer, with an educational series focusing on issues related to the detection, treatment and survival of breast cancer; presented by Alta Bates Medical Center, Salick Health Care, Inc., and the Oakland Museum of California; Oakland Museum of California Collectors Gallery, 1000 Oak St., Oakland; additional pieces will be on view at the Alta Bates Medical Center Lobby Gallery.

1997 James D. Phelan Art Awards in Printmaking; through Oct. 3; awards presentation and reception for the artists Sept. 11 6 - 8 p.m.; sponsored by the San Francisco Foundation and administered by Kala Art Institute; Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 549-2977.

Layers of Meaning; through Oct. 12; paintings, prints and sculpture by Laurie Marson, Jean Hearst, Pamela Johnson, Dorothy Porter, Pat Oyama, Joy Stocksdale; ACCI Gallery.

Ceramic Still Life; through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artist from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway; 594-3650.

New Pieces; quilts by Jim Silas Smoote II of Chicago, Kyra Hicks of Kansas City, and Sherry Whetstone-McCall of Kansas City; through Sept. 30; 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

My Sister, My Sister; throughout October; photos by Meredith Stout, poetry by Zelda Brown; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

Baua Devi; through Oct. 26; a debut exhibition by the Indian artist of paintings on paper and a selection of other works by other artists from the Mithila region of northeastern India; part of the MATRIX program; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96; the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Lectures and Workshops

Sept. 25

An Evening with Professor Ronald Takaki; 7:30 p.m.; "Multicultural America: The View from Hawaii" is the title of the Professor of Ethnic Studies at UC-Berkeley's talk; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Russell St. at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6860.

Opera Lecture; 7 p.m.; Friends of the Kensington Library present Michael Barclay of Opera Education International on Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman; Kensington Community Center (Youth Hut), 61 Arlington Ave.; 525-9604.

Sept. 26

City Commons Club; 11:15 a.m.; "Air Pollution Control and Its Problems"; with Ellen Garvey, Air Pollution control Officer; luncheon served 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave.; 848-3533 or 845-4725; lunch $10.75 or $12.25; $1 admission with coffee.

Sept. 28

Architectural Tour; noon - 4 p.m.; a tour of the Julia Morgan architectural landmark at the Berkeley City Club; 2315 Durant Ave., 848-7800; $2.

Tuesday Night Revolution; 4 - 6 p.m.; Winning New Priorities in the Berkeley Budget, a public forum with Vice Mayor Maudelle Shirek and Councilmember Kriss Worthington; North Berkeley Senior Center, Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 549-0816.

From Mumbai to Mabhubani: Urban and Village Women Artists of India; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; presented in conjunction with "Baua Devi and the Art of Mithila" at Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., George Gund Theater.

Sept. 29

Imagemakers: Printmaking on Cloth; 7:30 p.m.; Karen Fried Berkenfeld, a New York Artist, to speak. Her work has been shown in numerous major exhibitions, including National and Visions; First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road — Mosser Lee at Arlington, Kensington; $3.

Sept. 30

Cal Berkeley Democrats; 7:30 p.m.; a film, When Abortions Was Illegal: Untold Stories; Jerrie Meadows to speak; 105 Northgate Hall, UC-Berkeley, corner of Hearst and Euclid.

Ongoing

"Art-On-Site"; 10-week slide lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibitions through Nov. 12; Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., near Cedar and Shattuck; 848-0731 for enrollment.

Turning Point Career Center

Sept. 25; 1:30 - 2 p.m.; Working With People: Who? Where? How? What's for you?

Sept. 30; 1:30 p.m.; free job hunting orientation.

Sept. 30; noon - 1 p.m.; A Career in Garden Design with Gillian Gane, California Gardens; $3

Sept. 30; 4 p.m.; Assess Your Career Interest Based on Hollands Codes; $

Sept. 30; 7 - 8 p.m.; Oct. 2 1:30 - 3 p.m.; Network from Where You Are to Where You Want To Be; $5

Oct. 1; 7 - 9 p.m.; God Didn't Write the Forty Hour Work Week! Flexible and creative work situations; pros and cons.

Oct. 2; 4 - 5 p.m.; drop in support for job seekers and career changers; $

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6375

Literary Events

Sept. 29

WORD! a political poetry workshop; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays Sept. 29 - Nov. 24; (no classes Oct. 13, Nov. 10); free series for teens and adults, sponsored by Free Skool and the Berkeley Public Library; an exciting and supportive place to read, write, discuss music and grow as a poet in a political world; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Russell; 644-6860.

Sept. 30

Autumnal Armchair Mystery Evenings; 7 p.m.; Lynne Murray, *Less than Death* and Rick Riordan, *Big Tequila*; M.C. Newburn/Books with "Tricky," 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 524-1370.

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Sept. 25; 6 p.m.; Jonathan Raban, *Land: An American Romance*; 7:30 p.m.; Guy Vandergaeghe, *The Englishman's Boy*

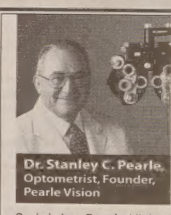
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